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Opposition seeks CBI probe into stampede

BENGALURU

Accusing the government of being responsible for the stampede during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) victory celebrations here that claimed 11 lives on June 4, the Opposition BJP on Tuesday demanded the resignations of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister G. Parameshwara, besides seeking a CBI probe into the incident. » PAGE 6

H5N1 influenza poses serious risk to humans: Study

BENGALURU

Indian Institute of Science researchers, in a new study, have discovered that the currently circulating 2.3.4.4b clade of H5N1 subtype of influenza virus (bird flu) has specific mutations in its genome that increase its human adaptive potential. This clade is acquiring the same key mutations that pandemic human influenza strains possess, which could be a growing risk. » PAGE 2

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LS Speaker sets in motion the process to remove HC judge

Birla constitutes three-member panel to probe charges against Justice Yashwant Varma over finding of burnt currency notes at his residence

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Tuesday set in motion the process of removing Justice Yashwant Varma of Allahabad High Court by admitting a motion, signed by 146 members, and constituting a three-member inquiry committee to probe the charges against Justice Varma.

The inquiry committee comprises Supreme Court judge Justice Aravind Kumar, Madras High Court Chief Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava and senior Karnataka High Court advocate B.V. Acharya.

Justice Varma was repatriated from the Delhi High Court to the Allahabad High Court after burnt wads of currency notes were found at his official residence on March 14. Later, an in-house inquiry of the Supreme Court had indicted Justice Varma.

"The committee will submit its report as early as possible. The proposal [for removal of Justice Varma] will remain pending till the receipt of the report of the inquiry committee," Mr. Birla informed the House.

> The facts connected in the present case point towards corruption and are eligible for action as per Article 124, Article 217 and Article 218 of the Constitution of India. Parliament needs to speak in one voice on this issue
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> **OM BIRLA**
> Lok Sabha Speaker

He said he accepted the proposal received on July 21 and constituted a three-member panel for the removal of the judge from his post in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Judges (Inquiry) Act 1968.

'Foundation of trust'

Mr. Birla said unimpeachable character and financial and intellectual integrity were the foundation of the trust a common person has in the judiciary. "The facts connected in the present case point towards corruption and are eligible for action as per Article 124, Article 217 and Article 218 of the Constitution of India. Parliament needs to speak in one voice on this issue and every citizen of this country should send a clear message about its commitment to zero tolerance to corruption."

Earlier, then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna had asked Justice Varma to resign or face impeachment proceedings after receiving the report of the in-house probe committee in March. As Justice Varma refused to quit, CJI Khanna forwarded the report to the President and the Prime Minister for the removal of the judge.

Though Justice Varma had moved the Supreme Court against CJI Khanna's recommendation for his removal, the top court rejected his plea.

EC willing to fix 'mistakes' in Bihar draft roll, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said "mistakes" might have happened while preparing the draft Bihar electoral roll and pointed to the Election Commission's willingness to correct those even as petitioners reminded it of its promise to "step in" if the special intensive revision led to "mass exclusion".

Appearing before a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi on the first day of hearing in the challenge to the SIR, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan said, "My Lords promised you would step in if there was a mass exclusion. This has happened. Sixty-five lakh people have been excluded from the draft electoral roll published on August 1."

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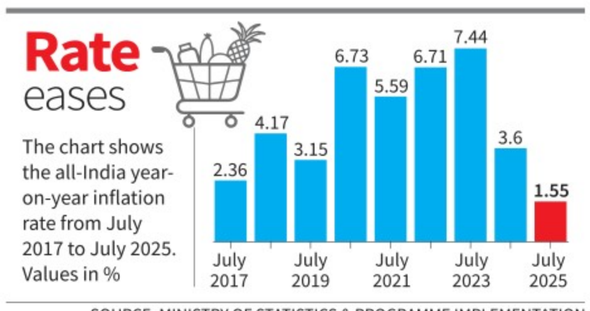
Retail inflation hits 8-year low of 1.55% as food prices drop



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The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Retail inflation in India slipped to 1.55% in July, its lowest rate since June 2017, driven by a drop in food prices. This is below the Reserve Bank of India's comfort band of 2% to 6%. The Consumer Price Index (CPI), released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Tuesday, shows inflation easing for nine consecutive months.

The rate of inflation in the food and beverages category came in at -0.8% in July, lower than the -0.2% seen in June, and the 5.1% rate in July 2024.

"In the food basket, there was deflation in key items such as vegetables, pulses, spices, and meat," said Rajani Sinha, chief economist at CareEdge Ratings. "Looking ahead, food inflation is likely to remain contained, supported by healthy agricultural activity and a favourable base."

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Gross tax receipts dip 3.9% amid rise in refunds

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union government's gross direct tax collections contracted 1.9% to ₹7.99 lakh crore in the current financial year 2025-26 up to August 11, 2025, according to data released by the Central Board of Direct Taxes. Higher refunds also meant that net collections contracted 3.9% during this period.

The gross collections for the previous financial year stood at ₹8.14 lakh crore till August 11, 2024. Notably, the shortfall in gross collections this year comes due to lower collections from the non-corporate tax category, which also includes income tax collections.

Non-corporate tax collections have fallen to ₹4.43 lakh crore in this financial year so far.

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2 tiger cubs found dead in Cauvery sanctuary

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Two tiger cubs, reportedly abandoned by their mother, were found dead in the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. Their carcasses were found by the forest guards on Monday in the Shagyam beat route close to Holemuridahatti anti-poaching camp in Hanur taluk of Chamarajanagar district.

T. Hiralal, Conservator of Forests, Chamarajanagar, said that the cubs were no more than two weeks old, and were abandoned by the mother, which happens for various reasons in the wild. Post-mortem was carried out on Tuesday, and the doctors said that the stomachs of the cubs were empty and that they might have died of starvation.

Not his day

Conflict zone: An injured male tusker retreats from a fire lit by residents to drive it away near the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary on the outskirts of Guwahati on Tuesday, August 12, which is World Elephant Day. AP

Two students injured in stray dog attack on BASE campus in Jnanabharathi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A routine morning walk at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University (BASE) in west Bengaluru took a terrifying turn for two students when a pack of five to six dogs attacked and injured them on Tuesday.

Officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) confirmed the incident, and said it occurred between 6.30 a.m. and 7 a.m. while both girls were walking separately. The injured students, Soujanya from Haveri and Rega Nischitha from Telangana, both third-year BSc Economics students at BASE, are now out of danger.

According to BBMP officials, the two girls are regular morning walkers at the same location on the campus, where the same dogs are often seen roaming.

"The pack of dogs first attacked one girl without any provocation. Later, the group split, and one section attacked the second girl about 100 metres from where the first incident took place," a BBMP official said. Fellow walkers rescued the injured students after hearing their screams, and security guards took them to the hospital.

"It is surprising because the walkers and the strays were familiar with each other. The source of provocation remains a mystery," the officer added.

The BASE campus is among several government institutions located within the sprawling Jnanabharathi campus. Walkers, joggers, and vehicles move through the campus daily, with security personnel on duty.

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Namma Metro crosses 10 lakh daily boardings

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro recorded its highest-ever single-day ridership on Monday, August 11, a day after the launch of the long-awaited Yellow Line. The milestone came as total boardings across all three operational lines touched 10,48,031 passengers.

According to Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) data, the Purple Line (Line 1) carried 4,51,816 commuters, while the Green Line (Line 2) saw 2,91,677 boardings. The newly inaugurated Yellow Line (Line 3) registered 52,215 passengers on its first day of commercial operations. Additionally, 2,52,323 passengers used interchange stations.

The previous highest daily ridership was recorded on June 4, when 9,66,732 people travelled by metro, said a senior BMRCL official. This came as large crowds gathered for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) victory celebrations that eventually ended in tragedy.

"With the Yellow Line now in service, expanding the network to 96 km, this is the highest number of passengers to have travelled by metro in a single day," the official added.

It was clear that we were in England to create history

The thought process when we entered the series was that we were not coming in like a new team, but trying to dominate and win the series

INTERVIEW

B. SAI SUDHARSAN

S. Dipak Ragav

Tamil Nadu batter B. Sai Sudharsan recently made his Test debut against England. The 23-year-old showed good promise in tackling challenging conditions, even if the returns were middling. Earlier this year, he had a breakthrough performance in the IPL, finishing as the top scorer with 759 runs. In an exclusive chat with *The Hindu*, the left-handed batter spoke about the exciting Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, the thrilling climax at The Oval where India won by six runs on the final morning to level the series (2-2), and much more. *Excerpts:*

You have now played for India in all three formats. How was the feeling of making your Test debut?

To be honest, the Test (debut) feeling was completely different. Yes, the white ball (debuts) were also very prestigious. But compared to those two debut games, when I was standing for the national anthem, it felt really special. And especially playing in England, a place I like, and I have played before... growing up, everyone used to say Test cricket is the ultimate, and I finally experienced it. It gives you that unbelievable feeling, or complete fulfilment, or satisfaction once the game finishes.

It was an exciting series, with every match going to the last day...

Shubman had recently said that 'this is not a young team but a gun team'. It was not just a punchline, and the thought process behind that was that everybody has come here doing so many good things, or is capable of doing a lot of good things.

Right from the first team meeting, it was clear that we are here to create history. It would have been easy to say this is a young team, and we are here to learn. But the thought process when we entered the series was not that we were coming in like a new team, but that we had come here to dominate and win the series.

Talk us through that exciting fifth Test at The Oval, especially when Joe Root and Harry Brook had a partnership going on the fourth day?

We had our disappointments. We can see that they are playing well and they are coming closer to the target, and we had our moments. But that's the essence of Test cricket. We had done well on day one. On day two, we fought back, taking wickets. On day three, Washi (Washington Sundar) played a tremendous knock to give us a good finish. On day four, they had the best batting conditions. But we knew it was a matter of one wicket, which would open up the game.

The way Brook was batting, we knew we would get a chance with him taking so many risks. They were England's best pair. They had good batters left, but they might not provide the same control these two did. So if we get one or two wickets, runs will dry up, it will be game-changing, and that's what happened. Akash Deep, Prasidh (Krishna) and (Mohammed) Siraj, playing in a wicket like that with just three fast bowlers, bowled their heart out in two innings. I could see on day four they were tired, but they kept on pushing, and because of their effort, we (stayed in the game) and got the rain break. So the bowlers were fresh the next morning.

How would you rate your performance?

There are so many things to reflect on, so many improvements to make. Even if we have a great season, we will have areas for improvement. But if it is just an ok series like this, there are a lot of points to work on, whether it's the mindset or even from a run-making point of view.

Were there any regrets in not converting those starts?

Definitely, it was disappointing not to convert after getting those starts, and I should have made a big knock. It was one of the most significant learnings. Having got through the difficult phase, in India, you could open up and be aggressive. But, in England, you have to keep it tight and do what you did in the first hour. These are things I want to learn and structure my batting around.

Another thing is to ensure you never miss an opportunity to score off a bad ball to put the pressure back on the bowler. There are layers to it, depending on the pitch and the kind of scoring options you have. So that idea and approach towards the innings, I want to improve on.

You were dropped after the first Test. Were you concerned you might not get another chance?

I was not thinking about it because Shubman (Gill) and all the support staff spoke to me and explained why I didn't play. They told it's not about what you did or what you can do. It's about the combination. Even before the first game, GG sir spoke to me for 5-10 minutes saying, 'you have reached here and you can win games for India as well. And you will get a long rope.' When you are playing away from India, it is sometimes difficult to get in the extra time (in nets). But the support staff helped me a lot with (Sitanshu) Kotak sir allowing me to leave early and train with the side-armers. Tendo (Ryan ten Doeschate) came with me every morning to have an overview of the session. These small things, I think, will make a big difference.

How important is that for you to spend quality time in the nets in terms of volume?

Definitely, it is very crucial. It is all about repetition and familiarity. The more familiar I am with my batting and the conditions and movement of the ball, off the wicket, the more I bat, more the understanding and confidence I get.

What are the technical adjustments you feel you can make to get better?

There are a few things that I can improve on, like tracking the ball well and even timing the ball better. Those things will help me to be in a better position when the ball is swinging or seaming. I need to become more refined in these areas, which will help me face any difficult situation I may face in the future.

Last year, you had surgery that kept you out for a few months, and then you bounced back strongly in the IPL, finishing as the highest run-getter. How would you assess yourself and the phase of your career?

Sometimes it becomes a blessing in disguise because you get some time to prepare your body. So in those days, I felt blessed because I had that time before the IPL started. I worked well. There are so many small things which we can't focus on because we are playing regularly. I was able to address those things because I had time.

I started preparing for the IPL as early as December, which helped me. It creates a structure for the next 10-15 years, and because I have a base or a structure, I can continue to build on that. There were some tough times, but coming out of that and having a good series in IPL and going to play in the Test cricket in England was special.

Where do you feel you have improved in the last six months or so?

To be honest, over a period of time, I don't feel there is a big difference in terms of my game. However, I think that my belief system and the clarity about what I want to do have become better. I feel that it is helping me express myself more freely.

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IISc study highlights how H5N1 influenza poses serious risk to humans

Based on the findings, the researchers suggest that enhanced and proactive surveillance measures need to be implemented; the virus was first identified in birds three decades ago

The Hindu Bureau
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A file photo of the Indian Institute of Science.

The H5N1 influenza virus, which was first identified in birds three decades ago, has now gradually found its way to humans.

Indian Institute of Science (IISc) researchers in a new study have discovered that the currently circulating 2.3.4.4b clade of H5N1 has specific mutations in its genome that increase its human adaptive potential.

H5N1 is a strain of the influenza virus harbouring type 5 haemagglutinin (H5) and type 1 neuraminidase (N1) surface proteins, which help in viral entry and spread, respectively.

Common ancestor

IISc said that clade represents a group of organisms having a common ancestor.

"The 2.3.4.4b clade has infected many mammalian species and is adapting to [non-human] mammals, which is a concern for human adaptation. The clade is panzootic, causing unprecedented mortality in birds and mammals, along with several sporadic human infections," Kesavardhana Sannula, assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry, IISc.

Growing risk

According to Ranjana Nataraj, project associate at the Department of Biochemistry and the study's first author, this clade is acquiring the same key mutations that pandemic human influenza strains possess, which could be a growing risk.

IISc said that when the influenza virus enters a new organism, it can develop genetic mutations. This helps the virus adapt to the new host.

The researchers were trying to decode whether the 2.3.4.4b clade was evolving to produce crucial adaptations in its proteins that allow it to infect humans. They also wanted to decipher which host animals can potentially accelerate this adaptation, giving the virus a leg up in scaling the evolutionary ladder.

Increased mutations

The team found an increased number of mutations specifically in the viral polymerase complex (PA, PB2), nucleoproteins, and haemagglutinin (HA) proteins.

IISc said that once it identified these mutations, the team classified them depending on whether the mutations can help the virus spread from non-human mammals to humans (adaptive) or simply survive in the non-human host (barrier).

"Finally, they developed a simple mathematical approach and estimated the human adaptive potential for the 2.3.4.4b clade," IISc said.

The team was also able to pinpoint animals that would be likely to harbour virus strains with the highest human adaptive potential. Interestingly, viruses that can adapt to fox hosts seemed to have higher adaptive potential than cattle-adapted strains.

Based on their findings, the researchers suggest that enhanced and proactive surveillance measures need to be implemented.

Stray dog menace: Some leaders want govt. to flag issue with Supreme Court

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A file photo of stray dogs at Cubbon Park. K. MURALI KUMAR

A day after the Supreme Court directed the removal of stray dogs from the streets of Delhi-NCR, the issue echoed in the Legislative Council with members urging the State government to seek a similar directive from the court, even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah called for a "humane approach".

Members joined a discussion on the stray dog menace on Tuesday morning, after the Janata Dal (Secular) member S.L. Bhoje Gowda raised the issue and urged the State government to approach the court to highlight the problem.

People are finding it difficult to walk on the streets, he said. "Children of legislators, Ministers, and bureaucrats travel to school in cars. But we have to think about the public who face stray dogs daily," he said, pointing out several instances of stray attacks across the State.

When Minister for Municipal Administration Rahim Khan said that there was no provision to remove stray dogs from the streets and that they can only be sterilised and vaccinated, several members suggested that the government should ask dog lovers to look after strays if they really care about them.

Mr. Gowda, echoing similar sentiments, said: "When strays from the streets are left on their premises, they [dog lovers] will understand the problem. Dog-bite cases are being reported every day and victims are even being hospitalised."

When members urged the government to file a petition before the Supreme Court for the removal of strays, the Minister said that the Law Department would be consulted on this matter.

Thousands killed in Chikkamagaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

JD(S) member S.L. Bhoje Gowda claimed that over 2,500 stray dogs had been killed in Chikkamagaluru when he was the chairman of the city municipal council. "To address the stray dog menace, 2,500 dogs were killed and buried in coconut gardens and coffee estates," he said.

He clarified that there were no laws against the killing of stray dogs at that point in time.

Illegal telephone exchange racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A mobile service provider led the Central Crime Branch officials to unearth another illegal international telephone exchange racket being operated from a data centre in Whitefield.

Based on a complaint by the Department of Telecom and Vodafone, a team of officials raided Iron Mountain data centre in Whitefield and seized six SIM boxes, 133 SIM cards, 12 data storage servers, an Internet Protocol Private Branch Exchange (IPBX), a network router, and other equipment worth ₹10 lakh.

The police arrested Tufail Ahmed, 35, a BE graduate from Tamil Nadu, allegedly operating the centre, while his two associates were overseeing the operations from Dubai.

Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said that the accused converted international calls to local ones. The police during the probe also found that the service was being used for cybercrimes, which is now part of the investigation.

This is the third case of an illegal telephone exchange racket operated from the city that was unearthed in the last month.

BBMP rolls out Aadhaar-based automatic property mutation service

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a move aimed at simplifying property ownership transfers, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has launched an Aadhaar-based automatic property mutation system.

The initiative is expected to make the process more transparent and convenient for citizens.

To use the service, citizens can visit e-aasthi portal and click on the "e-Khata Automatic Mutations - Get Your Mutation" link under the "Important Instructions" section. Pending e-Khata mutations can be searched using the EPID number.

The process requires Aadhaar e-KYC verification for both the seller and the buyer.

If the Aadhaar details match with the e-Khata records of the property owner, the mutation will be automatically approved after a seven-day objection period, provided there is no dispute.

A view of buildings in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

OTS soon for conversion of B khata to A khata, says Byrathi Suresh

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh on Tuesday said that the government is proposing to convert B khatas to A khatas as a one-time settlement (OTS).

During a discussion on property matters after BJP member K.S. Naveen raised the issue of khatas to illegal layouts sans documents, the Minister said that the government is proposing as a one-off measure to convert B khatas to A khatas.

Mr. Naveen said that even with khatas being given to illegal layouts, the landowner is unable to raise loan or get plan sanctioned or construct buildings, while the Minister clarified that the khata is being done for revenue generation since the government provides road connectivity, water and power connection.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners namely, **(1)Sri.DHULIHOLI PATEL VISWANATH, (2)Smt.BHARATHI SANGAPPA TATTITALI W/o Sri.Sangappa Tattitali, (3)Sri.D.P.SHASHIDHARA -** Parties No.1 to 3 are the children of Late Sri.H.R.Patel, **(4)Dr.SAHANA BASAVARAJ KAVISHETTI, (5)Smt.MEGHNA RAVISHANKAR KUBASAD -** Parties No.4 & 5 are daughters of late Shailaja B.Kavishetti and Sri.B.R.Kavi Shetti, residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, sub-lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s or claims with the undersigned (along with the photocopies of the documents based on which they rely for asserting their rights), **within 14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.5/1 (CITB/BDA Site No.519) PID No.60-118-5/1, measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 85 ft, in all measuring 4250 Sq.ft., with a building thereon, situated at 33rd Cross, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.168 - Pattabhiramanagar Ward and bounded on:

East by : CITB/BDA Site No.520
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North by : Site No.546 & 547
South by : Road

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the Schedule A and B hereunder from its present owner MR. NARI MADHAVDAS MATAI, aged about 89 years, son of Sri. Mahadevdas Matai, having permanent address at 401, Bluemoon Apartments, 14th Road, Opp : Agarwal Nursing Home,Bandra West, Mumbai - 400050 and presently residing at No.11, Langford Road, 1st Cross Street, Opposite Chartered Cottage Apartments, Langford Town, Bangalore-560 025, who has represented that he has a clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule A and B Properties and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Fifteen (15) days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential plot measuring on the North to South on the Eastern 51 feet 3 inches, North to South on the Western side 60 feet 3 inches, measuring on the East to West on the Northern side 27 feet and East to West on the Southern side 10 feet 7 inches + 14 feet 7 inches, totally measuring an extent of about 1425 sq.ft comprised in property Old Municipal No.12, New No.11, situated at Langford Road, Langford Town, Bangalore together with a very old structure standing thereon measuring about 250 sq.ft of built up area, presently bearing EPID No. 9856453964 assigned by the BBMP and bounded on the:

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SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

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Bangalore 13-08-2025

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice

CPM/GSU/ NWR Ajmer on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following work up to 15:00 Hrs. on the mentioned date. **Tender No. : SNT-GSU-All-2025-26-03R Name of work :** S&T work in Connection with "Debari -Yard remodeling of Debari station on COR-UDZ section of Ajmer Division NWR." **Approximate cost of work :** Rs. 4,54,37,818.18/- **Bid Security:** Rs. 377200.00/- **Date & Time of closing E-Tender:** 04.09.2025 at 15.00 Hrs. **Date & Time of opening E-Tender:** 04.09.2025 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above E-tender are available on website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA
WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tender Call Notice E-mail: rbcirclekhurda@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle - 06/2025-26 Memo No -2058 Dt.28/07/2025

The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Buildings works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work : **Building Works**
2. No of Work : **6 Nos**
3. Tender Cost : **Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)**
4. Class of Contractor : **A & B Class**
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From **10.00 AM of Dt.13.08.2025** up to **05.00 PM of Dt.29.08.2025 up to 5.00 PM**
6. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.30.08.2025 at 11.30 AM**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website:**https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha

B-355: OIPR-34127/11/0046/2526

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA- DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.
Email id : sedcbls@yahoo.com

"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE NO.- ACEDCBLS-08/2025-26

1.	Name of Work	Drainage Works (Under D.I.P. Scheme)
2.	Total No. of Project	4 Nos of Individual work
3.	Estimated Cost of individual Works	Varies from Rs.1,71,99,625/- to 6,69,70,432/- (Excluding G.S.T.)
4.	Period of Completion	Varies from 11 (Eleven) to 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months
5.	Bid Identification Number	ACEDCBLS/DDJPR-01-08/2025-26; ACEDCBLS/DDJPR-02-08/2025-26 ACEDCBLS/DDJPR-03-08/2025-26; ACEDCBLS/DDJPR-04-08/2025-26
6.	Date & Time of availability of Bid document in the Portal	From Dt.13.08.2025 at 10.00 hours to Dt.29.08.2025 at 17.00 hours
7.	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	Dt.30.08.2025 at 11.30 hours in the Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.
8.	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	To be uploaded in portal
9.	Class of Contractor	Sl No-1: - "B" & "A" Class ; Sl No-2: - "B" & "A" Class Sl No-3: - 'A' Class ; Sl No -4: - "A" & "Special" Class
10	Bid Security / EMD	Sl No-1 :- Rs.1,71,997.00 ; Sl No-2 :- Rs.2,49,226.00 Sl No-3 :- Rs.5,63,686.00 ; Sl No-4 :- Rs.6,69,705.00
11	Cost of Tender Paper	Rs.10,000.00
12.	Date of Lottery (if required)	To be notified
13.	Procurement Officer/Name & address of the Officer Inviting Bids	Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.

Further details can be seen from the Govt. Web site : www.tendersodisha.gov.in .

Additional Chief Engineer, Drainage Circle, Balasore.

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INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Bunt's Sangha R.N.S. Vidyaniketan held their investiture ceremony with Chief Guest Mr K.C. Ramesh, retired CRPF Hawaldar, and Chairman CA Ashok Shetty badging the student leaders.

PARTICIPATION IN KARATE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

JSS Public School, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, proudly participated in the Karate Guinness World Record event held in Chennai. Students Varun Sagar A., Deepa K., Ayush Rao, Rithvik, Gaurav, and Reehana showcased their skills in the single venue event. Deepa has over nine years of Karate experience, while the others have trained since 2020. The team was guided by Karate Chief Instructor Mr Suresh Babu. Their participation not only reflected commitment to martial arts but also brought recognition to the school's dedication in nurturing discipline, focus, and sporting excellence among students.

PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

SFS Academy, Electronic City, proudly announced that their Under-13 Boys Football Team clinched the winners' position at the prestigious Shri Ram Global Interschool Football Tournament, showcasing outstanding talent.

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Latest muon data narrows gap but leaves physics mysteries unresolved

The muon is an elementary particle that mimics the electron in every trait except for being 207-times heavier. Discovered in 1936 in cosmic rays, its place in the pattern of the Standard Model was, and remains, something of a mystery, prompting physicist Isidor Rabi to remark: 'Who ordered that?'

Nirmal Ra

Can you weigh an elephant before and after it picks up a one-rupee coin, and tell the difference? You can if the measurement is precise. To detect a 4-gram coin on a 4-tonne creature, the scales must come with a resolution of at least 1 part per million (ppm). Precise measurements such as these routinely lead to startling discoveries in fundamental physics. This is what the physicist Albert Michelson meant by "The future truths of physical science are to be looked for in the sixth place of decimals."

This June, the Muon *g*-2 (pronounced "gee minus two") Experiment at Fermilab in the U.S. presented its highly anticipated final results. With data collected over three years and with the involvement of more than 170 physicists, the collaboration had measured a unique property of a subatomic particle called a muon with an unprecedented precision of 0.127 ppm, outdoing its stated goal of 0.140 ppm.

Usually, physicists check such measurements against the prediction of the Standard Model, the theory of subatomic particles that predicts their properties. If they don't match, the measured value would hint at the presence of unseen forces. But in this instance, there are two ways to make theoretical predictions about this property of the muon. One of them is consistent with the Fermilab experiment and the other is far off. Nobody knows which really is right, and an intriguing drama has been unfolding over the last few years with no clear resolution in sight.

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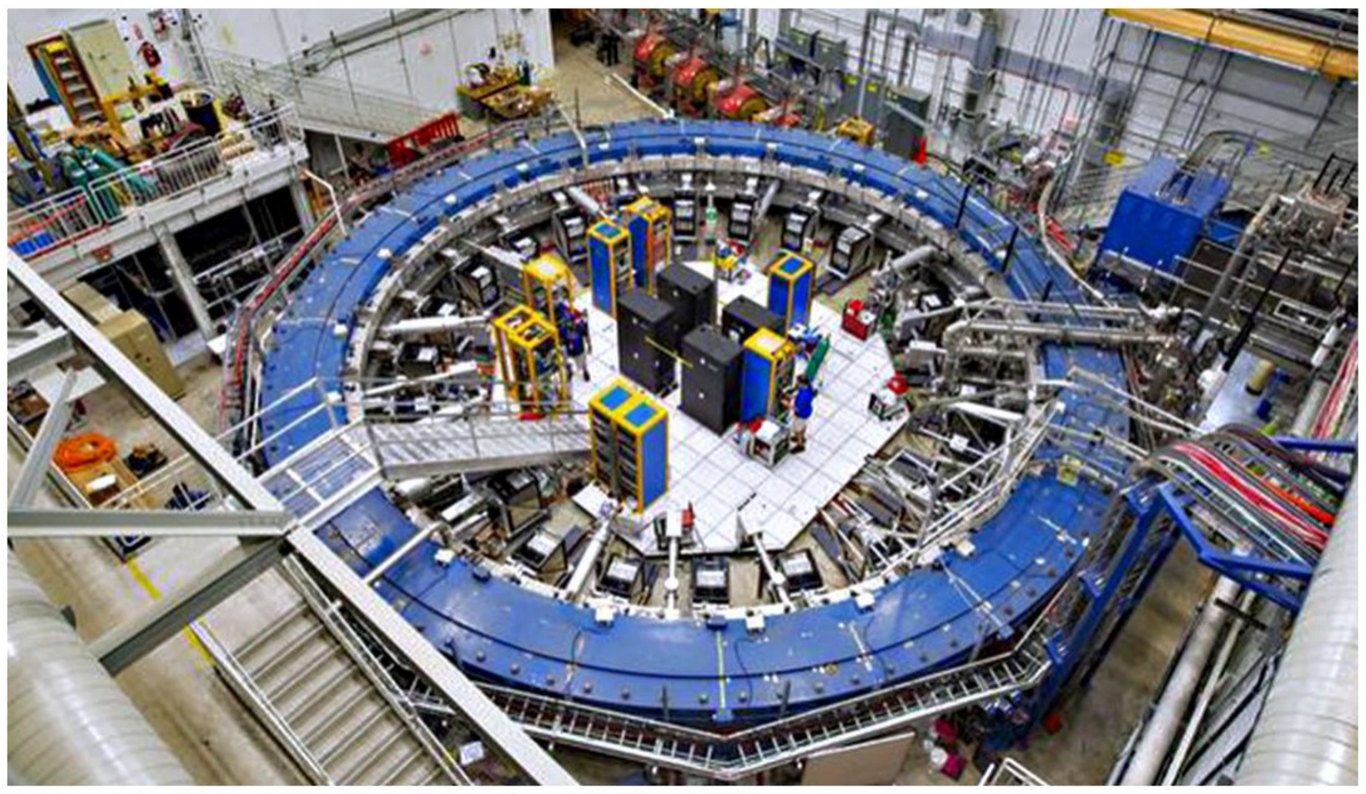
The muon carries non-zero quantum spin, which means it functions like a petite magnet. The strength of this magnet, called the magnetic moment, is captured by a quantity called the *g* factor. In a high-school calculation, *g* would be exactly 2, but in advanced theory its value drifts a tiny bit from 2 due to quantum field effects. It is this so-called anomalous magnetic moment that the Muon *g* -2 Experiment painstakingly ascertained.

Measurements of the *g*-2 of the muon were first made at CERN in Europe and the results were published in 1961 with a definition of 4000 ppm. Over the next two decades at CERN, the precision was improved to 7 ppm. Matters took an interesting trans-Atlantic turn when the Muon E821 experiment at the Brookhaven National Lab in the US took data between 1997 and 2001 and achieved a precision of 0.540 ppm, which was similar to the uncertainty in the theoretical prediction. In other words, the two numbers – the theoretical calculation and the observed value – could be meaningfully compared.

And lo and behold, they significantly disagreed.



The Muon g-2 ring at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory outside Chicago in 2017. AP

Contrast with theory

Nothing seemed to have been amiss in the experiment, so many physicists wagered that the disagreement was a hint of 'new physics'. Numerous explanations involving theories beyond the Standard Model poured into the literature over the next two decades. At the same time, the theoretical physicists themselves got down to refining the Standard Model prediction itself, which was no mean task.

So stood affairs until Fermilab started measuring *g*-2 in 2017. When it had collected just 6% of the total intended data by 2021, it had already reached a precision of 0.460 ppm, comparable to E821. This first result was in such excellent agreement with E821 data that when the two results were combined, the discrepancy with theory deepened to worrying levels.

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But the spectacle didn't end there. On the very day that Fermilab announced this result to much fanfare, there quietly appeared in *Nature* a new paper in which a group of physicists, called the Budapest-Marseille-Wuppertal (BMW) Lattice collaboration, argued there may be no gap between theory and experiment values after all.

Theorists compute the muon *g*-2 using either (i) Feynman diagrams, a tool that has served calculations in quantum field theory for three quarters of a century, or (ii) the so-called lattice, a supercomputer simulation of spacetime as a discretised grid that represents quantum fields. Both approaches are technically very challenging in this context.

The final results at Fermilab from June are less confusing. They are consistent with their past announcements; it's their contrast with theory that is unsettled.

An old friend

The experimental setup itself was ingenious. A beam of anti-muons is injected into a 15-m-wise ring with a uniform magnetic field. There the antiparticles make circular orbits with a characteristic frequency. Meanwhile, the antiparticles' spin vectors – a fundamental property of theirs – rotate in the magnetic field and they resemble spinning tops, spinning with a certain spin frequency.

The central conceit is to measure the difference between the frequency of the circular orbits and the spin frequencies. This difference carries direct information on the muon's *g*-2 value.

Both E821 and Fermilab operated on this principle. This is not impossible. Fermilab reused part of the E821 equipment and thus some unknown defects may have made their presence felt in the Fermilab data as well. This is why it is crucial to have a completely independent measurement by a different experimental approach.

An upcoming effort at the Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex will do just this.

Uncertainty is an old friend of fundamental physics. It has always borne the promise of an imminent disclosure of a deep secret of nature. We wait now for the next word from theorists and hope that the jury will soon be in.

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THE GIST

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BIG SHOT

An archaeologist cleans one of two ceremonial club heads found at an ancient pre-Hispanic structure belonging to the Chachapoyas culture, known as the 'Warriors of the Clouds,' at Chachapoyas in Peru, on August 5, 2025. REUTERS

QUESTION CORNER

Keeping it tasty

Vasudevan Mukunth

Q: Why does bread become stale even if it doesn't go mouldy?

A: When bread becomes stale, it loses its soft, fresh texture and becomes dry and hard. As it happens, this isn't just because it dries out. Staling is mainly caused by a process called starch retrogradation. When bread is baked, the heat causes starch molecules in the flour to absorb water and swell, forming a soft, gel-like mass. As the bread cools after baking, these starch molecules slowly begin to crystallise again over time. This recrystallisation pushes water out of the starch structure and into other parts of the bread, making the crumb firm and less pleasant to chew.

The surprising part is that staling can happen even if the moisture content doesn't drop significantly. In fact, bread stored in the refrigerator often goes stale faster, because the lower temperature speeds up starch crystallisation. This is why bakers recommend storing bread at room temperature or freezing it.

Bread stored in the refrigerator often goes stale faster. CHARLES CHEN/UNSPLASH

Freezing keeps molecules from moving too much and thus stops the retrogradation process until the bread is thawed.

While staling changes texture, mould growth is a separate process caused by fungal spores that feed on the bread's nutrients, usually when stored in warm, humid conditions.

Bread can thus taste "old" long before mould appears simply because its starch molecules have reorganised themselves at a subatomic level. Understanding this can help you keep bread fresh for longer: by freezing leftover slices and toasting them when needed.

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Pedestrian woes hamper Yellow Line station access

A reality check by *The Hindu* at stations like Bommasandra, Hebbagodi, and Electronics City found poor pedestrian infrastructure, long detours to FoBs or underpasses, and even blocked bus bays

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A day into the launch of Namma Metro's Yellow Line, which connects R.V. Road to Bommasandra, commuters have begun flagging concerns regarding the struggle to reach the stations on foot. A reality check by *The Hindu* at several stations on the new stretch, including Delta Electronics Bommasandra, Hebbagodi, and Electronics City, revealed that access is challenging owing to poor pedestrian infrastructure, long detours to reach foot overbridges (FoBs) or underpasses, and in some cases, blocked bus bays.

Passengers at R.V. Road metro station in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

500-metre detours

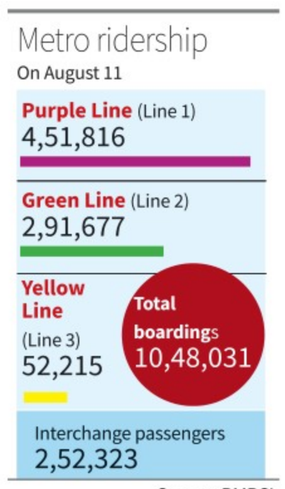
Commuters say that apart from R.V. Road station, where there is a pedestrian crossing near the traffic signal, most Yellow Line stations lack direct, safe access for those arriving on foot. For instance, at Delta Electronics Bommasandra, the nearest FoB or underpass is nearly 400 to 500 metres away, requiring people to walk along and cross the busy Hosur Road highway.

Meanwhile, though a bus stop has been built right at the doorstep of the Bommasandra station by the NHAI, buses continue to halt at the main signal instead, where traffic from multiple directions converges.

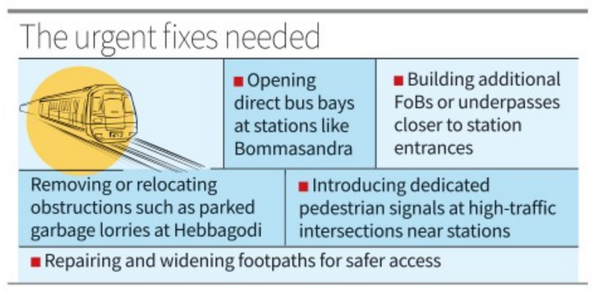
Adding to the confusion, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) has placed barricades blocking direct bus entry to the station premises.

For daily commuters, the current arrangement is risky and inconvenient. "I work at one of the factories in the Bommasandra Industrial Area and I take the metro to save time," said Naveen Kumar, a commuter waiting outside the station.

"But to get here, I have to cross the signal with heavy lorries and buses or walk a long way to the FoB. The bus stop next to the station is lying unused. It defeats the whole point of having a metro if people cannot reach it safely," he added.



At Hebbagodi station, while a skywalk and underpass exist, they are located almost 500 metres away. Commuters using the footpath find their way blocked by BBMP garbage lorries, which park near the Hebbagodi metro depot to segregate waste.


The urgent fixes needed
Opening direct bus bays at stations like Bommasandra
Building additional FoBs or underpasses closer to station entrances
Removing or relocating obstructions such as parked garbage lorries at Hebbagodi
Introducing dedicated pedestrian signals at high-traffic intersections near stations
Repairing and widening footpaths for safer access

One of the most important stations on the Yellow Line, the double-elevated Jayadeva Hospital interchange, has been touted as a modern, well-planned facility.

With 12 entrances spread across four zones with lifts, the station is designed to handle heavy commuter traffic and connect the Yellow and the Pink Lines.

However, reaching these entrances is not straightforward. Many access points are surrounded by broken footpaths, uneven surfaces, and chaotic traffic.

"The station itself is impressive, but it feels like the planners stopped thinking once they finished building it. You have lifts, but first you have to dodge traffic, step over potholes, and find your way around missing pavements just to get to them. It's exhausting," said Harish Rao, a commuter.

Stations at BTM Layout, Silk Board, Bommanahalli, and Kudlu Gate present similar problems.

Urban mobility expert M.N. Srihari pointed out that such problems stem from poor inter-agency coordination.

"Metro construction cannot be seen in isolation. You need to ensure that BBMP, BMRCL, and BMTC and the traffic police work together from the design stage itself. What we are seeing now is the result of working without coordination. The metro is ready, but the supporting infrastructure is not. This is a classic case of how world-class projects lose their efficiency because of last-mile negligence. Pedestrian access should be integrated into the station design itself, not treated as an afterthought," he said.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13	
RISE	06:07 SET 18:42
RISE	21:43 SET 09:32
THURSDAY, AUG. 14	
RISE	06:07 SET 18:41
RISE	22:26 SET 10:27
FRIDAY, AUG. 15	
RISE	06:07 SET 18:41
RISE	23:14 SET 11:26

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Tumakuru	29	22
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	27	20

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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BMTC launches new metro feeder routes for newly launched line

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has introduced new metro feeder services to enhance last-mile connectivity for passengers using the recently opened Yellow Line.

The new services, operational from Tuesday, will connect six metro stations – Hosur Road, Beratena Agrahara, Electronics City, Infosys Foundation Konappana Agrahara, Hebbagodi, and Bommasandra – through four routes, operated by 12 buses making 96 trips daily.

According to a release, the feeder routes include MF-22, MF-22A, MF-22B, and MF-22C, covering key areas such as Electronics City Wipro Gate, Kodathi Wipro, Bommasandra, and Konappana Agrahara. These services are expected to significantly benefit commuters travelling in and around the Electronics City corridor, one of Bengaluru's busiest tech hubs.

Commuters waiting for buses at the Bommasandra metro station in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

"BMTC, which operates an average of 44 lakh passenger trips daily through 6,217 buses, has been expanding its metro feeder network since October 2023. Services were first launched at K.R. Puram railway station and BTM Layout bus stand, and have since grown to 45 routes and 214 schedules, carrying over 1.2 lakh passengers daily," Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy said after the launch of the feeder services.

Commuters have also welcomed the new feeder services. Mukund K. from the Save Sarjapura Association said: "The recent addition of MF-22 and MF-22A routes is a huge boost to connectivity between the Hosur Road (Yellow) metro line and sections of Sarjapur Road. While this is a good start, the number of buses must be gradually increased to improve adoption."

"We have also conveyed to the Transport Minister that the Dommasandra area of Sarjapur is experiencing extremely high growth," he added.

Of ₹120 cr. agreed, Embassy paid only ₹1 cr. for metro station: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Tuesday told the Legislative Assembly that the Embassy Group paid only ₹1 crore against the agreed ₹120 crore for the construction of a metro station of Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. at Bettadahalasur in the city under Phase 2A and 2B.

Replying to a question by Munirathna (BJP) during Question Hour, Mr. Shivakumar said: "The Embassy Group has about 250 acres near the proposed metro station and they were willing to pay ₹120 crore of the total cost of ₹140 crore to construct the station and name it after the company. They have given only ₹1 crore till now."

D.K. Shivakumar

He added, in jest, "We will build the station and name it after Mr. Munirathna if he pays for it."

From CSR funds

Mr. Shivakumar said that as per norms, a station can be named after a company if it sponsors the construction with CSR funds. "Mr. Munirathna has about 70 to 80 acres of land there and hence he needs a metro station," Mr. Shivakumar said.

Mr. Munirathna countered and said: "If Mr. Shivakumar makes a call to the Embassy Group, they will make the payment in 24 hours. Builders in Bengaluru only listen to him."

Mr. Shivakumar further said that Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has discussed the issue of the metro station with him and he would look into it.

Encroachments cleared

Replying to a question by C.N. Ashwath Narayan (BJP) on the flooding of low-lying areas in the city, Mr Shivakumar said so far 2,395 encroachments on storm-water drains have been cleared.

Man held for stealing valuables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Jayanagar police on Tuesday arrested a 40-year-old manager of a private firm and recovered 1.4 kg of gold valuables and 1 kg of silver articles worth ₹89.09 lakh, which he had allegedly stolen from his office in the last few years.

Karthik, a resident of Tyagarajanagar, was working as a manager in the firm owned by Ashok Paras Rampuria for the last 20 years. The theft came to light on July 26, when Mr. Rampuria noticed the missing valuables and filed a complaint with the police.

Centre for Smart Governance, eGov Foundation tie up to transform public service delivery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government's nodal software development agency, Centre for Smart Governance (CSG), and eGov Foundation have announced a strategic partnership to strengthen governance delivery and improve citizen experience in Karnataka, across India, and in the global south.

Through the partnership, the two organisations will collaborate on key e-Governance initiatives in Karnataka and globally, provide each other with access to technical expertise, training and marketing support, and share niche expertise for the development of products that are relevant and easily adoptable for governments across the world, especially in the global south, said a communique from CSG.

Build for Karnataka

According to officials from CSG, the partnership will initially be looking at developing tech solutions for projects under the Urban Development Department and solid waste management solutions for the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

The idea is to create digital public infrastructure-led solutions that can be successfully implemented in Karnataka, replicated across India, and adapted for other countries in the global south.

CSG has delivered more than 50 technology solutions for Karnataka's departments and agencies covering sectors such as education, land reforms, and property and marriage registrations. So far, most were developed using proprietary tools by foreign technology companies.

According to the officials, the partnership with eGov is a step in a different direction, where solutions can be developed using open-source software and digital public goods. This not only helps to bring down the costs significantly, but also removes the dependency on foreign companies and their hold over intellectual property, they note.

It also eliminates the need to build solutions from the ground up as eGov Foundation's open-source platform, DIGIT, has been built to launch and scale citizen services quickly while allowing the government to keep the ownership of the systems they use.

The collaboration brings together CSG's operational understanding of government systems with eGov's expertise in open digital infrastructure, process innovation, and institutional enablement, noted a statement from CSG.

'Don't implement panel report'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid the State government postponing discussion on the recommendations of the commission headed by retired judge H.N. Nagamohan Das on internal reservation to the Cabinet scheduled to meet on August 16, the newly-formed Federation of Dalit right (Holeyas) Castes in Karnataka on Tuesday urged Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to reject the recommendations.

"The commission's report is unscientific, incomplete and having mala fide intentions, and has violated the government order and goes beyond the terms of reference," the memorandum submitted to the Chief Minister's Office on Tuesday claimed.

This follows a resolution passed at a meeting chaired by Urilingi Peddi Mutt seer Jnanaprakash Swami on Monday, in which representatives of over 30 Dalit right affiliated castes participated, Chalavadi Mahasabha sources said.

If the report is accepted, the federation has threatened to protest till all the Congress SC right legislators resign.

Convener of the Chalavadi Mahasabha D. Chandrashekaraiah said the survey in Bengaluru was incomplete and the survey had left out eight lakh children in the State whose names are not in the ration card.

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Persons displaced due to operations against militants in Pakistan

55,000 People have been displaced from the Bajaur tribal district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as Pakistani forces launched a large-scale "targeted operation" against militants in the restive region, bordering Afghanistan. PTI

Number of cases of violations under PECA filed in 2021-25

384 The government said that nearly 400 cases of violations under the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA) have been registered from 2021 to 2025, and 1,248 stocks have been seized, with the highest number of violation cases reported from Maharashtra. . PTI

Suspects detained by Iran in relation to the June war with Israel

21,000 A report by state TV quoted a police spokesperson, Gen. Saeed Montazeralmahdi, as saying people reported the suspects to the authorities. Mr. Montazeralmahdi did not elaborate on what charges the suspects might face. AP

The decline in bird populations in tropics due to climate change

25-38 In per cent. Bird populations in the tropics have dropped by roughly 25 to 38% since 1980 due to intensifying heat extremes linked to climate change, with some species declining by more than 50%, according to a new study. PTI

Share of Europe and Mediterranean basin hit by drought in July

52 More than half of Europe and the Mediterranean basin was hit by drought in July for the fourth consecutive month. Drought levels in the region are the highest on record for the month of July since data collection began in 2012. AFP

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How does satellite internet work?

Why are ground-based internet networks economically unviable? How does the dual nature of satellite internet manifest? What are the three main orbits in which such satellites are deployed? Will it be more expensive than terrestrial broadband?

EXPLAINER

Ashwin Prasad

In today's increasingly digitised world, internet connectivity is an absolute necessity, across both military and civilian domains. With Elon Musk's Starlink about to make its debut very soon in India, internet infrastructure is going to fundamentally change.

Why do we need satellite internet?
Ground-based networks use cables and towers. They are the most common form of internet provision, especially in densely populated urban areas. However, they have some limitations. Their reliance on physical infrastructure makes them economically unviable in sparsely populated regions. They are also vulnerable to disruptions from natural disasters such as floods and earthquakes. Furthermore, they often cannot meet the demand for on-the-go connectivity in remote locations or for temporary operations.

Satellite internet emerges as a powerful solution to these challenges. Functioning on a global scale, it provides extensive and resilient coverage. This coverage functions regardless of terrain or the presence of terrestrial infrastructure. It can be deployed rapidly to manage sudden demand surges, and also provides connectivity within moving platforms like airplanes and remote sites such as offshore oil rigs. Thus, satellite internet is not merely a backup system. It is a transformative technology with the potential to reshape the digital economy, civil infrastructure, and military strategy.

What are the features of satellite internet?
The advent of satellite mega-constellations such as Starlink signals a new era in space-based internet. These comprise hundreds or even thousands of satellites orbiting a few hundred kilometres above Earth. This "internet in the sky" offers a plethora of applications in military operations, disaster response, healthcare, agriculture, and transportation. However, this technology has a dual-use nature, serving both civil and military ends. This introduces complex security dynamics.

Contemporary events underscore this technology's profound impact. When Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas coast in 2017, it knocked out 70% of cell towers in affected regions. Viasat's satellite internet became a lifeline for coordinating rescue operations. Similarly, in the Russia-Ukraine war, SpaceX's Starlink has been pivotal for Ukrainian defence forces. They have relied on it for coordinating troop movements, medical evacuations, and drone operations. Ukrainians even fitted Starlink devices on drones to bypass Russian jamming systems. Satellite internet also enhances operational readiness in isolated conflict zones, as shown by the Indian Army's use of it on the Siachen Glacier. Conversely, its borderless nature facilitates illicit use. Security forces in India have confiscated smuggled Starlink devices from insurgent groups and drug rackets. These instances reveal that control over satellite internet infrastructure is becoming a new dimension of national power.

How does satellite internet work?
A satellite internet network is composed of a space segment and a ground segment. The space segment consists of the satellites in orbit, while the ground segment includes all equipment on Earth that communicates with them. The satellites are the most capital-intensive component. They carry communication payloads for data transmission and have a service life of five to 20 years. Their deployment requires careful planning, especially concerning orbital altitude, which determines the satellite's capabilities and coverage. Satellites are deployed in three main orbits: the Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO), the Medium Earth Orbit (MEO), and the Low Earth Orbit (LEO).

What are differences between satellites deployed in different orbits?
GEO satellites orbit at 35,786 km above the equator. They match the Earth's rotation, allowing them to remain stationary relative to a point on the ground. This high altitude allows a single GEO satellite to cover nearly one-third of the Earth's surface, though not the polar regions. Viasat's Global Xpress (GX) system is a notable example. GEO satellites are also typically large. They act as "bent-pipes," simply relaying signals back to Earth without processing them. Their significant drawback is high propagation latency. The long distance signals must travel result in delays, making GEO systems unsuitable for time-sensitive applications like video conferencing or real-time transactions.

MEO satellites operate at altitudes between 2,000 km and 35,786 km. They offer a compromise between GEO and LEO systems. Their latency is lower than that of GEO satellites, but they still require a constellation for global coverage. The O3b MEO constellation, for instance, consists of 20 satellites. However, their latency is often insufficient for many real-time applications, and the satellites remain large and costly to launch.

LEO satellites orbit at altitudes below 2,000 km. Their proximity to Earth results in very low latency. They are also smaller, often table-sized, making them cheaper and quicker to deploy. Their main disadvantage is their smaller coverage area. A single Starlink LEO satellite's footprint is comparable to an Indian metropolitan city. To achieve global coverage, LEO systems form "mega-constellations". These are networks of hundreds or thousands of satellites working in unison. Starlink has over 7,000 satellites in orbit, with plans for up to 42,000.

How do mega-constellations work?
LEO mega-constellations leverage their numbers to turn limitations into strengths. The smaller satellites are capable of on-board signal processing. This enhances data transmission efficiency, improves signal quality, and allows for greater flexibility. This on-board intelligence simplifies the user terminals on the ground. Terminals become smaller, cheaper, and more accessible to individual households.

A key innovation was the use of optical inter-satellite links. These allow satellites to communicate directly with each other in space. This creates a true "internet in the sky," an interconnected blanket of satellites. This network can route data globally with minimal reliance on ground stations, reducing latency and increasing efficiency. However, maintaining continuous connectivity is a challenge. LEO satellites move at nearly 27,000 km per hour. They stay within a user's line of sight for only a few minutes. To ensure uninterrupted service, the network must seamlessly "hand-off" the connection from one satellite to the next. This is achieved with steerable antennas that can track multiple users and ground stations simultaneously, much like moving spotlights on a stage.

What are the applications of satellite internet?
For the end-user, modern LEO satellite internet is a major advancement. User terminals are now compact and easy to set up without professional help. However, the service is still more expensive than terrestrial broadband. While terminals cost around $500, and monthly services start at about $50, the cost is often justified for those in remote areas or in industries where connectivity is paramount.

The future promises even greater accessibility. Companies like AST SpaceMobile and Starlink are testing direct-to-smartphone services. This innovation could eliminate the need for separate user terminals altogether. As the technology becomes mainstream, specialised hardware may be integrated directly into devices like smartphones and laptops.

The applications for satellite internet are vast and transformative. In communications, it provides network access to remote areas and enables the Internet of Everything (IoE). In transportation, it will enhance navigation systems, support self-driving cars, and improve logistics. In public administration and disaster management, it can power smart cities, provide early warnings, and coordinate rescue efforts. The healthcare sector can benefit from telemedicine and remote patient monitoring. Agriculture can leverage it for precision farming and crop health analysis. It also has significant applications in environmental monitoring, energy exploration, tourism, and defence.

Therefore, satellite internet presents immense opportunities but also creates complex security and regulatory challenges. Nations now recognise satellite internet as a new dimension of power.

It is imperative for countries like India to develop comprehensive strategies to integrate the technology into national resilience plans. India should also leverage it to bridge the digital divide and foster economic development. Finally, active participation in shaping its international governance is crucial as these mega-constellations will define the next era of global connectivity and strategic advantage.

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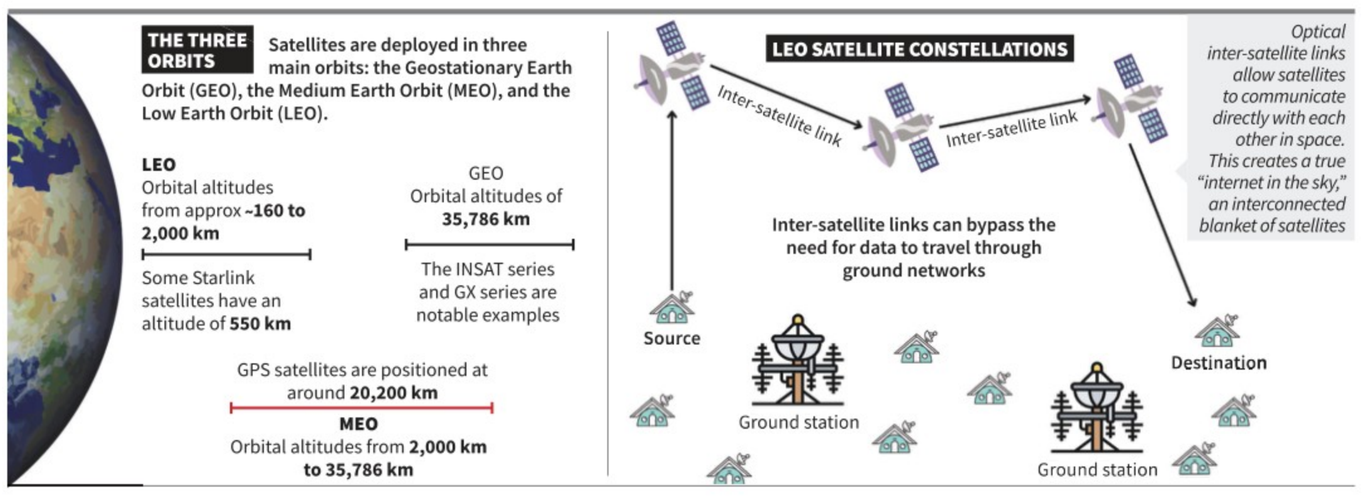
THE THREE ORBITS
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LEO
Orbital altitudes from approx ~160 to 2,000 km
Some Starlink satellites have an altitude of 550 km
GEO
Orbital altitudes of 35,786 km
The INSAT series and GX series are notable examples
GPS satellites are positioned at around 20,200 km
MEO
Orbital altitudes from 2,000 km to 35,786 km
LEO SATELLITE CONSTELLATIONS
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Inter-satellite links can bypass the need for data to travel through ground networks
Source
Ground station
Ground station
Destination

Amid conflict: Servicemen of the Armed Forces of Ukraine set up a Starlink satellite internet system, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, near Pokrovsk in the Donetsk region, Ukraine on April 10. REUTERS

THE GIST

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India's first commercial EO satellite constellation to be established

Bengaluru-based PixxelSpace India will lead a consortium comprising Piersight Space, Satsure Analytics India, and Dhruva Space; it will invest more than ₹1,200 crore over the next five years

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) on Tuesday announced the selection of the PixxelSpace India-led consortium to design, build, and operate India's first fully indigenous commercial earth observation (EO) satellite constellation under the public-private partnership (PPP) model.

The Bengaluru-based PixxelSpace India consortium comprises Piersight Space, Satsure Analytics India, and Dhruva Space.

IN-SPACe said the selection of the PixxelSpace India consortium was done following a competitive bidding process which involved two more consortia.

It is for the first time in the history of the Indian space sector that a private consortium would invest more than ₹1,200 crore over the next five years to launch a constellation of 12 state-of-the-art EO satellites equipped with panchromatic, multispectral, hyperspectral, and microwave Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors.

The constellation will deliver analysis-ready data and value-added services for applications in climate change monitoring, disaster management, among others. REUTERS

The constellation will deliver Analysis Ready Data (ARD) and Value-Added Services (VAS) for applications in climate change monitoring, disaster management, agriculture, infrastructure, marine surveillance, national security, and urban planning, while also catering to the global demand for high-quality geospatial intelligence.

IN-SPACe said that by generating high-resolution, indigenous satellite data, the initiative will significantly reduce India's reliance on foreign sources, ensure data sovereignty, and position the country among the global leaders in space-based data solutions.

"This initiative signals the coming of age of India's private space industry in the space sector. It demonstrates the capability and confidence of Indian companies to lead large-scale, technologically advanced, and commercially viable space missions that serve both national and global markets. The EO -PPP model fosters an ecosystem where public and private capabilities reinforce each other to drive growth, innovation, and self-reliance," Pawan Goenka, chairman, IN-SPACe, said.

Under the PPP framework, the Union government will provide strategic, technical, and policy support, while the PixxelSpace India-led consortium will own and operate the EO system, including satellite manufacturing, launches from Indian soil, ground infrastructure, and commercialisation of data services. IN-SPACe further added that the EO constellation will be deployed in a phased manner over the next four years to ensure continuous service upgrades and expanded coverage.

India-U.K. FTA offers mutual growth: Kang

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The U.K.-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) deal would mutually benefit both nations and promote mobility, innovation, inclusivity, support jobs, boost exports, and strengthen cross-border trade and economic growth, said Harjinder Kang, Trade Commissioner, South Asia, and British Deputy High Commissioner, Western India, at the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) organised roundtable here on Tuesday.

"The vision also aligns with the U.K.'s modern industrial strategy which will help businesses overcome barriers to investment across sectors," he commented, while addressing BCIC members.

Chandru Iyer, British Deputy High Commissioner, Karnataka and Kerala and Deputy Trade Commissioner, South Asia (Investment), further explained how this strategic partnership could unlock new opportunities for bilateral growth and collaboration.

"Indian-owned companies are already thriving in the U.K., driving jobs in high-growth sectors such as aerospace, technology, and advanced manufacturing. Indian businesses are making the most of the U.K.'s ecosystem and the U.K.-India CETA will boost this further," he observed.

He said he was confident that the new comprehensive strategic partnership would see closer partnerships in defence, education, climate, technology, and innovation.

The technology security initiative (TSI), signed last year, would lead to increased collaboration in areas including telecom security which would unlock investment, he stated.

"We believe that this agreement will have a significant impact on our economies. With its potential to double bilateral trade by 2030, this agreement is expected to have a lasting impact on both economies," said Prashant Gokhale, president, BCIC.

Wildlife smuggling racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Customs officials on Monday caught a 20-year-old passenger allegedly trying to smuggle 40 wild animals and reptiles concealed in his check-in bag into Bengaluru from Bangkok.

The accused, Shafiqur Rahman Sirajuddin from Tamil Nadu, was caught when he landed at the Kempegowda International Airport with three bags containing four Argentine black and white tegus, 27 green iguanas, one corn snake, two meerkats, two bearded dragons, one Indonesian blue-tongued skink, and three western basilisks.

The live wildlife was stuffed in the check-in bag along with tissue papers and diapers.

A probe revealed that Sirajuddin was allegedly a mule for a smuggling network and was supposed to hand over the baggage to his contact. The accused escaped as soon as Sirajuddin was detained.

AMC college hosts convocation day

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BENGALURU

AMC Engineering College on Bannerghatta Road hosted its 24th convocation ceremony recently, during which degrees were conferred upon 1,500 undergraduate and postgraduate engineering students.

Inspiring students to dream big and pursue their goals with dedication, S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), emphasised that "hard work is the only path that can take you to great heights".

Dr. Vidyashankar underlined the growing demand for professionals in emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence.

Man assaulted for questioning bouncers who denied him entry into pub

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Ashoknagar police have registered a case against bouncers of a pub on Mcgrath Road for allegedly assaulting a 32-year-old city based advocate after he questioned them for denying him entry recently.

The victim, Khadar Sha Valli, had gone to the pub along with two of his friends who visited him from Hyderabad.

After having lunch, they wanted to get into the pub but were stopped by the security at the entrance. Upon asking, the bouncers allegedly denied entry citing that he was not wearing shoes. The security also allegedly demanded ₹3,500 entry fee for each person.

When Khadar objected to their behaviour, the bouncers allegedly attacked him and tore his clothes.

He sustained injuries to his face and the police upon getting alerts about the commotion rushed to the spot and rescued him. He was brought to the station and he filed a complaint against the bouncers identified as Rakesh and Suhas.

The police have registered an FIR against the accused charging them under voluntarily causing hurt by dangerous weapons, unlawful assembly and rioting for further investigation.

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ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾ/28/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12.08.2025
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ Call Centre ಗಾಗಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಸೇವೆ ಒದಗಿಸಲು (ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: BDA/2025-26/SE0066) ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ: (1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಾಗುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **13.08.2025. (2)** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **25.08.2025ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (3)** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **26.08.2025ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (4)** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಆಸಕ್ತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವರ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಅಪ್ರಾ ಇವರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಲು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.
ಸೂಚನೆ: ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ವಿಳಂಬವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಷ್ಕೃತ/ಮಾರ್ಪಡಿತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮೂಲಸೌಕರ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ (ಐಡಿ), ಬಿಡಿಎ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು

ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ
email: eerdwsd.bngr1@gmail.com, Phone: 080-29787463
ಸಂ: ಕಾಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ. & ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ/ಬೆಂ.ಗ್ರಾ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2025–26/489 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.08.2025
ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 13, 14 & 15/2025–26
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ರವರು **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂ: 14/2025–26: 2021–2022 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 2215 JJM ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂ: 15/2025–26: ಜಲ್ ಜೀವನ್ ಮಿಷನ್ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ದೊಡ್ಡಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಳವೆ ಬಾವಿ ಕೊರೆಯುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ** ಮತ್ತು **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂ: 13/2025–26: ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಒದಗಿಸಲು** ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ನೋಂದಣಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಲಾಖಾ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ KW-1, KW-2 & KW-4 ನಮೂನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ.
(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.08.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (2)** ಪ್ರೀಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಸ್ಥಳ/ದಿನಾಂಕ: ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ.&ನೈ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಡಳಿತ ಭವನ, ಬೀರಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ದೇವನಹಳ್ಳಿ, **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.08.2025 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. (3)** ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.08.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. (4)** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.08.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (5)** ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25.08.2025 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.**
ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಇ/ಬೆಂಗ್ರಾಜ/2280/ಎಎಎ/2025–26

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-1, 1st Floor,
BBMP Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560052.
No: DGM-1/BSWML/PR/172/2025-26 Date: 12-08-2025
CORRIGENDUM- 1
Sub: Updation of Calendar of Events for Tender Notification.
Ref: This office Tender Notification No:DGM-1/BSWML/TEND/05/2025- 26, Date: 11-07-2025.
As per the above subject and reference, the calendar of events for the above tender notification is extended due to technical reason. The Change in the Calendar of Events is as shown in below table.
Time Schedule / Calendar of Events:

Sl. No.		As per Tender Notification	Updated Dates Please Read as
1	Last Date of Receipt of Tender	On 13-08-2025 upto16.00 Hrs.	**On 28-08-2025 upto16.00 Hrs.**
2	Opening of Technical Bid	On 14-08-2025 after 16.30 Hrs.	**On 29-08-2025 after 16.30 Hrs.**

For Further details visit GOK KPP Portal Website:
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BSWML
DIPR/CP/2292/Adverto/2025-26

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(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal)
Tender no.: BESCOM/2025-26/SE0281
BESCOM invites Request For Proposal (RFP) for **"Selection of Solar Power Generators (SPGs) on the basis of Build, Own & Operate (BOO) for Design, Survey, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operation & Maintenance of grid connected distributed solar power plants for solarization of selected Agri feeders at Sub-Station (SS) level to the capacity of 500MW in BESCOM jurisdiction, its associated 11kV line to connect the plant with concerned SS and Remote Monitoring System (RMS) of solar power plants through RESCO mode, for 25 years".** The bid documents will be available **on or after 14.08.2025** in **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** The prospective bidders have to register on the bidding portal. The last date for submission of bids is **on 28.08.2025.** For any queries regarding portal, please contact KPPP helpdesk no.: **080-46010000, 080-68948777** or email: **support@eprochelpdesk.com**
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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಪಂರಾ.ಇಂ/ಕಾ/ಪಿಬಿ/2025–26/575 ದಿ: 11.08.2025
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–11/2025–26 (ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಮೂಲಕ)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 5054 ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಜಾತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಭಟ್ಕಳ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಂಚಿಕೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಡಿಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ Standard Tender Document ನ K.W-3 ರ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.
ಕೆಲಸದ ಅಂದಾಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: (ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ: ಪ್ರ ವರ್ಗ 2 (ಅ) (1) ಭಟ್ಕಳ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಹೆಬಳೆ ಗ್ರಾಪಂ ಕಿತ್ತೂರು ರಾಣಿ ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ತೆಂಗಿನಗುಂಡಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಂಕ್ರೀಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. **RDPR/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT15737/CALL-2,** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 84.54 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಮುಂಗಡ ತೇವಣಿ ರೂ.84,600.00, ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): 09 ತಿಂಗಳು
(1) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್–ಬಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು Technical Bid ನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬಿ ಮರಳಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.08.2025 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 04.30 ಘಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. (2) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ Technical Bid ನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 29.08.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 04.31 ಘಂಟೆಗೆ. (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರೀಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ನಂತರದಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ
DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/369/25-26 dt. 12.08.2025

KEYWORD

Hyphenated nationality and the paradox of the nation state

The very mechanism that creates national belonging — the conflation of ethnic, territorial, and political identity — simultaneously produces categories of exclusion and suspicion

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Recent incidents of harassment and deportation of migrant workers from West Bengal, who are suspected of being illegal migrants from Bangladesh, have caused an outcry in Bengal's political circles. While these events might be seen as a contemporary political issue, the real problem is much deeper and questions the very nature of belonging in India. The question of "hyphenated nationality" in India is not new. What is new, however, is the growing list of communities facing this scrutiny.

Politicians have responded by waging linguistic battles to prove these communities belong to India. These might seem like reasonable responses. But they miss a crucial point: Is this question of "hyphenated nationality" really new in India?

What's actually new is how long the list has become. It now includes communities whose "Indianness" we once considered beyond question. But haven't we been here before? From the very beginning of independent India, communities like Muslims, Sri Lankan Tamils, northeasterners (in Indian cities), and Indian Nepalis have repeatedly been treated as "metics" – precarious residents who "illegitimately" enjoy citizenship benefits.

This problem – judging citizens' loyalty based on ethnic and territorial ties – has spread across our known world. Look at South Asia: the Muhajir problem in Pakistan, the Madhesi problem in Nepal, the Tamil problem in Sri Lanka, or the Lhotshampa problem in Bhutan. Even the U.S. faces similar issues.

A protest rally against the harassment of Bengali-speaking migrant workers in Kolkata, on July 31. PTI

The logic of modern nationality

French philosopher Etienne Balibar explains that modern nationality has a foundational logic. Every nationality must define itself as carrying forward their ancestors' sacred heritage. This creates a power of assimilation and civilisation – but also domination and exclusion. "Genuine" nationality demands unambiguous loyalty, rooted in a civilisational core within definite territorial limits.

This explains why we have hyphenated communities. A Muslim, Nepali, Sinhalese, Tamil, Lhotshampa, Madhesi, Muhajir, or Bengali can never escape being identified with their ethnic homeland – even though some of these "homelands" only emerged through post-colonial politics after India's independence.

So a Muslim, Sri Lankan Tamil, or Nepali in India gets linked to Pakistan, Sri Lanka, or Nepal respectively. By the same logic, Madhesis in Nepal are linked with India, Lhotsampas in Bhutan with Nepal, Tamils in Sri Lanka with India, and now Bengalis in India with Bangladesh.

The nation-state formula

This sharp identity formation came with the 1648 Westphalian Treaty. It created a unique equation: nation = state. The formula became "one nation = one state." Here lies the fundamental paradox: nation-states simultaneously need diversity (for economic vitality and cultural richness) while demanding homogeneity (for political unity and national identity). This desire for homogeneity amid existing diversity creates an unsolvable puzzle at the heart of the Western nation-state concept. Perhaps the European Union is an attempt to escape this puzzle?

But this nationalist doctrine contains a built-in contradiction that creates the "other." Postcolonial theorist Homi K. Bhabha unravels these complexities. He argues that nation-states constantly try to create ancient homogeneity. This creates two simultaneous processes: pedagogical instruction and performative strategy. The "other" emerges from the constant oscillation between what Bhabha calls "pedagogy" and "performative strategy".

Pedagogy is the official story of the nation – its laws and documents that say who belongs. Performative strategy is the act of living out that identity, which always generates something more than the official script.

The identity question of Bengali migrant workers (Indian Bengali or Bangladeshi Bengali?) gets caught between cultural meaning-making and nationalist certainty. Simply having authentic documents (pedagogy) wasn't enough to save them from the misfortune they faced because they were found speaking Bengali in metropolitan areas within Hindi-speaking regions. The performative narrative overrides everything – even the fact that Bengali has a secure place in India's Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Hyphenated nationalities in India – Indian Muslims, Indian Nepalis, and now migrant Indian Bengalis – reveal the double-edged character of national identity. This identity works by defining who belongs to the national community and who is an "other" or "foreigner." A national community can only exist if other nations exist. The nation must be understood as part of a dual relationship, not as a self-contained unit. This becomes clear when migrant Bengali workers struggle to prove they are "Indian Bengalis" with documentary proof, distancing themselves from "Bengalis from Bangladesh."

It's ironic that in our globalised age, where everything moves across borders be it goods, capital, technology, services, banking systems, nation-states remain faithful to exclusionary rules, especially when dealing with migrant (moving) labour.

A fundamental paradox

These treatments might seem politically motivated. But they actually reflect a fundamental paradox built into the Western model of nation-states. This paradox can hardly be escaped, practically or theoretically.

Bureaucratic procedures for data verification – needed for SIR, elections, Census, or National Family and Health Surveys – create perfect moments for exposing this paradox. In popular imagination, this double identification operates at other scales too. We naturally associate Biharis with Bihar, Marwaris with Rajasthan (since Marwar region falls in western Rajasthan), and so on.

These identifications might not be considered "national threats" since they operate within the nation-state. But can we deny that such reasoning has repeatedly resulted in inter-state rivalries, inter-community animosities, and community clashes? Most importantly, the same identification process – conflating ethnic and territorial ties as the exclusive basis of belonging – operates within the nation-state. Can we really dismiss these as unrelated cases unworthy of reflection?

The structure remains the same whilst the forms keep changing.

Legal Identity vs moral grounding

Citizenship in post-colonial societies involves both legal and moral dimensions fused in a single community or individuals. Legitimate citizens are those whom the state gives legal identity and society offers moral engagement.

State-confirmed legal identity emerges from juridical protocols and documents that determine who is legible or illegible as a citizen. Socially engaged moral entitlement comes from cultural processes – primordial identification with the motherland, participation in national movements, firm location in the nation's civilisational core. The crisis facing the Bengali migrant workers falls directly into this state-society conflict. Their identity is being measured not by their legal documents, but by negative storylines that frame them as the "other" nationality.

The enduring paradox

The harassment of Bengali migrant workers is thus not an isolated incident or mere political opportunism. It represents the surfacing of a deeper structural contradiction that has haunted the modern nation-state since its inception. The very mechanism that creates national belonging – the conflation of ethnic, territorial, and political identity – simultaneously produces categories of exclusion and suspicion.

This paradox manifests differently across time and space, but its essential logic remains constant. Today's Bengali workers face the same fundamental challenge that has confronted hyphenated communities throughout India's post-colonial journey. The forms evolve, the targets shift, but the underlying structure persists: the nation-state's simultaneous dependence on diversity and demand for homogeneity creates an irresolvable tension.

Until we grapple honestly with this foundational contradiction, we will continue to witness new iterations of the same exclusionary logic. The Bengali workers' plight illuminates not just a policy failure, but the inherent limitations of the nation-state model itself in accommodating the complex realities of belonging in a diverse, interconnected world.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian
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"You look happy. Who was that on the phone?"

"That was Bala. His birthday is coming up, so I sent him a card. He called to thank me. Talking to that guy always cheers me up. It's a real shot in the arm."

"Shot in the arm! What does it mean?"

"It means a boost, something that gives one energy. For example, last week I was feeling depressed. Then I received a letter from my parents. It was a real shot in the arm."

"Meaning, after reading it, you were so happy that you were full of energy."

"Exactly!"

"I see. Yesterday, I met my physics teacher and she told me that I am doing really well this year. Hearing her say that was a real shot in the arm."

"I am sure it was. And if you continue to work hard, you'll hear more comments like that."

"I'm sure I will. Ooph. Could you increase the speed of the fan?"

"What's the matter? Is the heat bothering you?"

"It certainly is. It's really hot in here. Why don't you buy an air conditioner?"

"Give me the money and I will."

"You have the money. Seriously, why don't you buy an air conditioner?"

"What's the point? Half the time there's no power. Oh, by the way, it's not why don't you buy an air conditioner? but, why do you not buy an air conditioner?"

"Wait a minute. It's O.K. to say, why don't you buy an air conditioner?, right?"

"Yes, that's right. Well, in that question, don't is the contracted form of do not. So, why can't I say, why do not you buy an air conditioner?"

"Because, the rule is, in questions, the uncontracted forms do not come together. For example, I can ask, Isn't she married? It is also possible to ask, Is she not married?"

"It would be wrong to say Is not she married?"

"Yes, it would be wrong because is and not cannot come together in a question."

"I see. So, it's O.K. to say, Haven't you been to Darjeeling? But, if I want to use the full form of haven't, then I have to say, Have you not been to Darjeeling?"

"Yes, that's right. Here's another example, Can't the neighbours help you? – Can the neighbours not help you?"

"That's right. Now coming back to the original question. Can you not buy an air conditioner?"

"What's the famous line from the movie Jerry Maguire?"

"Show me the money!"

"Exactly! You show me the money and I'll buy the air conditioner!"

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Here is a quiz on various events that happened on August 13

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1
On this day in 1521, Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés captured Tenochtitlán (now Mexico City) after a 93-day siege, subsequently ending which empire's rule?

QUESTION 2
This Cuban politician and revolutionary was born on this day in 1926. He served as the Prime Minister of Cuba from 1959 to 1976 and President from 1976 to 2008.

QUESTION 3
Scottish inventor John Logie Baird was born on this day in 1888. He is known for which invention?

QUESTION 4
This American cooking expert was known for her programmes on public television.
She became known for her humour and hearty voice. She died on this day in 2004. Meryl Streep portrayed her in one film. Name her.

QUESTION 5
This American actor and comedian was best known for his role as the Cowardly Lion as well as his counterpart Kansas farmworker "Zeke" in the MGM adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz* (1939). Who was he?

Visual question:
Identify this English film director who is widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the history of cinema. GETTY IMAGES

Questions and Answers from the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Name the former queen of the country which has the sobriquet 'Land of the White Elephant'. **Ans: HM Queen Sirikit of Thailand**
2. The three recognised species of elephant are of this Family and Order. **Ans: Elephantidae and Proboscidea**
3. Tusks are an enlarged version of this type of teeth. **Ans: Incisor**
4. This is how one can identify an Asian or African elephant by its trunk. **Ans: African elephants have two finger-like extensions at the tip of the trunk, while the Asian has only one**
5. Name of the sophisticated elephant king in books by Jean de Brunhoff and name of Bart's pet elephant. **Ans: Babar and Stampy**
6. Indra's six-tusked mount Airavata emerged from here. **Ans: During the churning of the cosmic ocean (Samudra Manthan)**
Visual: Name this loveable pachyderm. **Ans: Raghu**
Early Birds: Siddhartha Viswanathan| Sudhir Thapa| Sukdev Shet| Pranab Biswas| Chahat Agrawal

Word of the day

Genuflect:
bend the knees and bow in church or before a religious superior or image; bend the knees and bow in a servile manner

Synonyms: kowtow, scrape

Usage: *He's the type of person to genuflect to the powerful.*

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Won't interfere with govt. decision to have its own education policy: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court said that courts cannot compel the State to adopt a particular policy. FILE PHOTO

Observing that courts do not interfere in policy decisions of governments unless they are violative of constitutional or statutory rights, the High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday declined to interfere in the State government's decision to come out with its own education policy by ignoring the National Educational Policy (NEP)-2020.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice Ramachandra D. Huddar, passed the order while dismissing a PIL petition filed by two Bengaluru-based advocates, Girish Bharadwaj and Ananda Murthy.

It was pointed out in the petition that though NEP-2020 was implemented in Karnataka from the academic year 2021-22, the new political regime decided to withdraw NEP-2020 and frame its own policy.

It was contended in the petition that the discontinuation of NEP-2020 was not in the interest of the students, faculty members, and the education system in the State, as the objective of NEP-2020 is to have a uniform education system across the country.

While declining to entertain the petition, the Bench said that courts cannot compel the State to adopt a particular policy while pointing out that the role of courts in interfering with policy decisions is minimal.

High Court criticises conduct of officials of Nirmithi Kendra

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BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has criticised the conduct of officials of the Nirmithi Kendra in attempting to suppress transparency by claiming that the Right to Information (RTI) Act is not applicable to the kendra, even though it is sponsored and controlled by the State government through the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) Department.

The court has also imposed a cost of ₹50,000 on the Nirmithi Kendra, Chitradurga, for denying information under the RTI Act by claiming that it is not a public authority but a private society.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order, while dismissing a petition filed by the project director of Nirmithi Kendra, Chitradurga, who had questioned the State Information Commission's 2017 direction for providing information sought by some persons under the RTI Act.

The court noted that the government had set up Nirmithi Kendras for developing low-cost technology alternatives for rural housing, and its control and supervision is under many top officials of the zilla panchayats and the district administrations belonging to the cadre of the Indian Administrative Service and the Karnataka Administrative Service,

Besides, these kendras are being funded by HUDCO, which is a government entity, and contracts are given to the kendra by the State government, and there is a preference for these kendras to carry out works of the government, the court pointed out.

A perusal of Section 2(h) of the RTI Act would indicate that it is not only funding, but also control, which would have to be considered to determine whether it is a public authority or not, the court said, while pointing out that not only the funding for these kendras is provided by the government, but the works carried out by them are also considered government's works.

58-year-old man chased and assaulted in road-rage incident

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BENGALURU

In a road-rage incident, a 58-year-old man was allegedly chased and assaulted by a group of men in front of his family inside an apartment complex at BTM 4th Stage recently.

The victim, Mohammed Ishtiyaq, a fruit merchant, was allegedly kicked repeatedly and dragged, while he was trying to defend himself.

As he started bleeding from his mouth, the accused, who barged into the apartment after chasing him, damaged his car and fled from the spot.

The entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras present at the apartment premises.

The victim went to the hospital to get himself treated before approaching the police.

Based on his complaint, the Hulimavu police have registered a case against a group of men charging them under sections 118(1) (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 126(2) (wrongful restraint), 324(4) (mischief), 329(4) (criminal trespass), and 351 (2) (criminal intimidation) of the BNS on Monday.

Heading home

According to the FIR , Ishtiyaq, 58, was driving his car towards his house at 2.50 a.m. on August 10, when a cab driver tried to stop him, alleging that his vehicle had made contact with the cab.

When the victim tried to speed away, the suspects allegedly attacked his car with stones, damaging the windshield.

Ishtiyaq told the police that a group of unknown persons followed him, trespassed inside his apartment complex at BTM Layout 4th Stage, and began hurling expletives. At the time, his family was also reportedly present at the scene.

When the victim tried to reason with them, the group allegedly punched him repeatedly on the face. This attack resulted in an injury to the victim's lower lip; he also lost a few of his teeth and suffered a broken jaw, according to the FIR.

The police are on the lookout for the accused, who are reportedly on the run.

From Page One

Two students injured in stray dog attack

Rangaswamy, administration staff, BASE, told *The Hindu* that a part of the campus compound wall had fallen, allowing more stray dogs to enter in recent times.

He said additional security has now been deployed in that area.

T. Chandraiah, Joint Director of BBMP (Animal Husbandry), told *The Hindu* that zonal officials had been instructed to capture all the dogs involved at the earliest, and local feeders were asked to restrict the animals to specific areas to facilitate capturing. "It is a very large campus, and the stray population could exceed 100. We have directed that they be captured without delay," Dr. Chandraiah said.

Vikas Suralkar Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health), told *The Hindu* that, as per protocol, whenever a dog bite incident occurs, the dogs in the surrounding area are captured and kept under observation for 10 days.

This attack follows a recent incident in which a 68-year-old man, identified as Seethappa, was mauled to death by a pack of dogs near Kodigehalli in north Bengaluru.

The Karnataka Lokayukta subsequently summoned BBMP officials and reprimanded them, directing the setting up of dog monitoring centres in the city.

Mr. Kishor said the BBMP currently has five community kennel facilities in Dasarahalli and is opening another in Yelahanka. "We maintain dog bite case records at every Public Health Centre (PHC) and use them to identify aggressive dogs or those involved in biting incidents. We are taking all possible measures to curb such cases," he said.

It is to be noted that the BBMP has floated tenders for a stray feeding programme. The civic body believes that starvation is one of the reasons for stray attacks.

The incident comes just a day after the Supreme Court ruled the capture and relocation of stray dogs to shelters in Delhi.

EDUCATION HUB

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15th Graduation Day at Cambridge Institute of Technology

The CIT proudly celebrated its 15th Graduation Day on July 26, 2025, honoring the achievements of its Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) and Ph.D. graduates. Shri D.K. Mohan, CM of CIT officially declared the commencement of the ceremony. The proceedings began with an invocation and the traditional Nadageethe. Dr. Indumathi, Principal of CIT, delivered the welcome address. The ceremony then featured addresses from the distinguished guests: Padma Bhushan Dr. P. Balaram, Former Director, IISc (Chief Guest): Dr. P. Balaram, the esteemed Chief Guest, shared his insights, inspiring the graduating cohort with his vast experience and vision for their future endeavors. Dr. Swami Manohar, Senior Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research India (Guest of Honour): Dr. Manohar captivated the audience with his address on the profound purpose of education. Graduates of the B.E. Honours program and Ph.D. scholars received their certificates.

Socionova - an intercollegiate Social Sciences fest hosted by Christ Junior College, Hosur Road

Recently Christ Junior College, Hosur Road, hosted an intercollegiate Social Sciences fest titled Socionova. Organised by the Department of Social Sciences, the fest welcomed 13 institutions and offered 12 events alongside an interdisciplinary quiz. Socionova 2025 saw a total of 420 participants. Fest participants were encouraged to explore and interact with the models. The fest's inauguration was in the Central Block auditorium of Christ University, Central Campus and the chief guest was Ms. Shreema Upadhyaya, an accomplished dancer, actor, and Christ Junior College alumna. Events judges were alumni. The interdisciplinary quiz event, Intellectra, was hosted by acclaimed quizmaster Dr. Arul Mani. The overall best delegation prize was awarded to St. Clarets Pre-University College. The first-ever edition of Socionova 2025 was considered a grand success, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from all attendees.

Graduation ceremony organized by AMC College, Bannerghatta Road

Speaking at the graduation ceremony Dr. S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) said along with academics, it is essential to acquire relevant skill-based training. Enrolling in an engineering course alone does not make an engineer. Skills must be developed alongside. He further urged students to never lose their values in life, and even after achieving success, to always remain humble. During the ceremony, degrees were conferred on 1,500 students from undergraduate and postgraduate engineering programs. Present at the event were Dr. K. R. Paramahamsa, President of AMC Institutions; Mrs. K. Geetha Paramahamsa, Vice-President; Mr. Rahul Kalluri, Executive Vice-President; Dr. Mohan Babu, Director; and Dr. Yuvaraju, Principal, along with other dignitaries. "Looking at the quality of education being offered at our institution, VTU has granted us autonomous status. This has enabled us to design our own curriculum. Instead of just aiming to get a job, students should aim to become job creators. As students transition from academics to professional life, I wish them a bright and prosperous future." quoted Dr. K. R. Paramahamsa, President, AMC Group of Educational Institutions.

3rd edition of two-day IEEE International Conferences on Network, Multimedia, and Information Technology (NMITCON-2025) held at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru

Dr. Juan Manuel Corchado Rodríguez, Rector, University of Salamanca, Spain while inaugurating the conference opined one should learn to improve AI to find swift solutions without any lapse of time. The Guest of Honor was Dr. Supavadee Aramvith, Chair, IEEE Thailand Section, and Professor at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand. NMITCON-2025 has been admired by the researchers throughout and is in receipt of well researched papers across the globe. In the beginning Dr. Parameshachari B.D, Conference Chair, NMITCON and Head, Department of Electronics and Communication, NMIT, briefed the objectives of the conference to the audience. Dr. H.C. Nagaraj, Principal, NMIT spoke on the occasion. Students, Research Scholars and faculty members from technological institutions and Universities in India and abroad have been invited to participate in this conference.

Presidency University hosts Orientation Programme for Engineering Batches 2025-26

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SNIPPETS

'ED probing KIADB double compensation issue'

Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil said on Tuesday that farmers in some areas received double compensation for land acquired through the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) during the previous government's tenure, due to errors by officials. Responding to JDS member S.L. Bhojegowda in the Legislative Council, Mr. Patil said that in Dharwad district's Kelageri, Mummigatti, Kotur and Belur industrial areas, over ₹19.99 crore was paid twice, involving both landowners and officials. The Enforcement Directorate is probing the matter; one accused is in jail, and excess amounts will be recovered. Similarly, in Ramanagara district's Bannikuppe village, ₹1.58 crore was paid twice for the same land. A case is pending in the High Court, with ₹75 lakh deposited by the landowner. Disciplinary action has been recommended against the officials involved, he said.

141 Hopcoms outlets closed due to losses: Minister

As many as 141 Hopcoms outlets of the total 557 across the State have been closed due to losses and competition from vegetable vendors. In Bengaluru alone, 88 outlets have been closed. "Intense competition from vegetable stores and vendors has led to the closure of outlets," Horticulture Minister S.S. Mallikarjun told the Legislative Council in response to a question from JD(S) member Govindraj. While intense competition has been cited as a major reason for about 25% of the outlets being closed, Mr. Mallikarjun also said that shops were also demolished due to road widening or Namma Metro work, and in some instances, shops were located in areas that were less populated. Pushcarts serving customers at the doorstep and a large number of vegetable vendors had also eaten into Hopcom's business, he added.

Proposal to introduce slab system for fixing licence fees

The State government is proposing to implement a slab system for fixing the trade licence fee depending on the size of the local bodies instead of levying a uniform fee across the State.Responding to BJP member D.S. Arun, who sought to abolish the licence fee, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh said, "To bring convenience to traders, the government will fix a band for the licence fee with a minimum and maximum fee that the local bodies could collect. The Cabinet has already approved it. Licence fee will be higher in big Corporations and lower in small Corporations." Stating that this was a revenue stream for small local bodies, and that it can be done away with, the Minister said that a target of collecting about ₹60 crore has been set for 2025-2026. While ₹50 crore was collected in 2024-2025, ₹42 crore and ₹46 crore were collected in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, respectively.

Opposition demands CBI probe into stadium stampede, asks CM to quit

BJP demands the constitution of a Legislature House Committee to evolve appropriate rules to prevent the recurrence of such incidents

IN THE LEGISLATURE

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A June 4 photo of the footwear lying on the ground outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium following a stampede in Bengaluru.

Accusing the government of being responsible for the stampede during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) victory celebrations here that claimed 11 lives on June 4, the Opposition BJP on Tuesday demanded the resignations of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar and Home Minister G. Parameshwara, besides seeking a CBI probe into the incident.

"If you have a heart and sensibility to feel the pain of the grieving parents who lost their children in the stampede, all three of you should tender a public apology to them and own up responsibility for the tragedy," said Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok, who initiated a debate on the incident, in the Assembly.

"This tragedy, among other things, had exposed the government's failure in crowd management and public safety protocol," he alleged, and demanded the constitution of a Legislature House Committee to evolve appropriate rules to prevent the recurrence of such incidents.

Timeline of events

Ridiculing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for his claims that he was not aware of the stampede deaths while participating in a programme to felicitate RCB team members on the steps of Vidhana Soudha, Mr. Ashok presented timeline of events corroborated through messages exchanged by police officers on walkie-talkies that indicated that five deaths had taken place even before the felicitation programme started, and that a total of nine deaths had taken place before the programme concluded.

He wondered how the Chief Minister could be kept in the dark about such a tragedy, as all the police officials near him had walkie-talkies and the messages about deaths were being flashed continuously.

Propriety questioned

He questioned the propriety of felicitating the RCB team in front of Vidhana Soudha, as it is a private franchise-owned team. Even during the felicitation programme that had the presence of the Governor and the Chief Minister, protocols had been violated as the dignitaries were made to wait for 30 minutes for the players, he alleged. Also, more than 300 members were on the stage, though the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) had issued an order confining the number of dignitaries to a maximum of 30, the Leader of Opposition said.

He alleged that Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh and the then DPAR Secretary G. Satyavathi (now retired) had ignored the information provided by DCP-rank officer Karibasavanna Gowda on the shortage of police personnel to control the crowd.

Both Ms. Rajneesh and Ms. Satyavathi had not briefed the Chief Minister on the objections raised by Mr. Gowda on holding the felicitation on the grand steps of the Vidhana Soudha, Mr. Ashok said.

'Senior police officer had instructed against opening stadium gates'

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Without taking any name, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok on Tuesday alleged in the Assembly that a senior police official present during RCB's felicitation programme on the Vidhana Soudha steps had instructed police on security duty at Chinnaswamy stadium not to open the stadium gates till the programme in front of Vidhana Soudha ended.

"Such instructions sent through walkie-talkie resulted in gathering of huge crowd in front of the stadium gate. Unable to control the crowd, the police resorted to lathi-charge which triggered stampede," Mr. Ashok alleged. He expressed concern that no disciplinary action had been initiated against the officer.

26 RTI activists blacklisted

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Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil informed the Legislative Assembly that 26 Right to Information (RTI) activists have been blacklisted for "misusing the Act".

BJP MLAs V. Sunil Kumar, and S. Suresh Kumar, and, expelled BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal claimed that many RTI activists had been misusing the Act and targeting government officials, contractors and engineers for personal gain. Mr. Sunil Kumar maintained that activists had not been allowing the public works to be completed, seeking one or the other information related to development work.

Mr. Yatnal said activists have been "blackmailing" officials and elected representatives and delaying public works. Claiming that RTI activists had been the root cause of corruption, he demanded a probe into disproportionate sources of income and assets owned by them.

In a reply to K. Manantesh Shivanand (Congress) during the question hour on Tuesday, Mr. Patil said the government sacked State Information Commissioner Ravindra Gurunath Dhakappa, posted in the Kalaburagi Bench, after he was arrested by the Lokayukta Police as he allegedly received ₹1 lakh bribe through an online transfer for delivering a favourable order to an applicant.

Mr. Suresh Kumar said the Act was a powerful weapon for ensuring transparency in administration, but the activists have been "misusing the Act and harassing officials" seeking building plans and other documents.

BJP asks HM to table interim report of SIT on Dharmasthala burials case

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BENGALURU

V. Sunil Kumar

The Opposition BJP hit out at the State government for "denigrating Hindu places of worship" such as Dharamasthala in Dakshina Kannada by ordering a Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe, which has so far not found evidence of the burial of over 100 bodies as claimed by a complainant.

V. Sunil Kumar (BJP) raised the issue during the zero hour in the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday and demanded that Home Minister G. Parameshwara table an interim report of the SIT in the House.

The SIT team, which had not been able to find skeletal remains, has been digging new sites shown by the complainant and providing scope for spreading rumours against the temple, he claimed.

S. Suresh Kumar (BJP) said the SIT should keep the complainant in its custody to ensure an impartial probe into the Dharmasthala mass burial case.

Now, the complainant arrives at the spots identified as burial sites accompanied by his persons claiming to be his lawyers. How can a probe be impartial if the complainant was allowed to be in the custody of advocates?, he questioned. Dr. Parameshwara said he would be able to make a statement in the House only after the probe is completed and the SIT submits the report to him.

However, Leader of the Opposition R. Ashok demanded that the Home Minister make a statement on the matter on Wednesday.

Araga Jnanendra (BJP) alleged that organisations affiliated to the Left ideology were largely responsible for "denigrating the image of the temple."

15 Bills tabled in Assembly

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As many as 15 Bills, including the Karnataka Platform Based Gig Workers (Social Security and Welfare) Bill and Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, were tabled in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

The other bills that were tabled include: The Kaginele Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, The Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Heritage Area Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, The Kittur Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, The Kudala Sangama Development Board (Amendment) Bill, The Banavasi Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, The Sarvajna Kshetra Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, The Karnataka State Universities (Amendment) Bill and The Karnataka Medical Registration (Amendment) Bill.

Also among the tabled Bills are The Karnataka Compulsory Service by Candidates Completed Medical Courses (Amendment) Bill, The Karnataka State Civil Services (Regulation of Transfer of Medical Officers and Other Staff) (Amendment) Bill and the Karnataka Fire Force (Amendment) Bill.

Online gaming will be regulated based on panel report: Home Minister

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Home Minister G. Parameshwara speaking during the Legislature session in Bengaluru on Tuesday, as Minister H.K. Patil looks on.

The government will take action on regulating online gaming based on the recommendations of a committee headed by IPS officer Pranab Mohanty. The committee, which was set up in April 2025, is expected to submit its report in September, Home Minister G. Parameshwara informed the Legislative Assembly on Tuesday.

In a reply to S. Suresh Kumar (BJP) during question hour, Dr. Parameshwara said he held a meeting with online gaming companies and sought their cooperation for regulating the sector, as youth have been getting addicted to online games.

Legal battles

In 2021, the previous BJP government amended the Karnataka Police Act to prohibit online games. This was struck down by the High Court in 2022. The government has challenged this before the Supreme Court. The Home Minister said comprehensive amendments were challenged by the All India Gaming Federation. Dr. Parameshwara said a total of 347 cases have been registered for online betting in the State since 2023. A total of 84 cases have been registered in 2023, 104 in 2024, and 159 as of July 31, 2025.

Online betting cases registered in Karnataka

S.No.	Year	No. of cases
1	2023	84
2	2024	104
3	2025 (till July 31)	159

Mr. Kumar said the government has not been doing enough in the Supreme Court since the matter has been pending before the court for three years.

Noting that online gaming companies were aggressively enticing people, the BJP member said sportspersons like Harbhajan Singh have endorsed games. Senior member C.N. Ashwath Narayan (BJP) criticised the government for allowing betting on online games.

IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge said that even fantasy sports were put under the "skill game" category by the court. He stressed that both the Union and State governments must come together to frame a law.

Mr. Kharge said the online gaming business will go from $4.5 billion to $9 billion in three years. There are 519 million gamers in India. Of them, 140 million are paid gamers.

Shortage of fertilizers fuelled by anxiety, says Minister

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BENGALURU

Stating that the shortage of fertilizers in the State was fuelled due to anxiety caused among farmers by statements of Opposition leaders, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy said that the State faced a shortage of 2.85 lakh tonnes of urea till July-August.'

Protest causing problems

"I do not want to politicise the issue. When things were going smoothly, your protest caused problems. Farmers became anxious. There was no shortage, though there was not sufficient supply," the Minister told the Legislative Council.

"The Centre has to fix the problem," he said.

The Minister also pointed out that the Centre had reduced the allocation of urea by 1 lakh tonnes this year.

Though BJP leaders in July claimed that 1.35 lakh tonnes of urea would be supplied in a fortnight, the State, by the end of July, received 30,000 tonnes, he added.

BJP MLC's 'Bombay Days' piques curiosity in Council

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'I have written and documented everything in detail in my book, but leaders from all three parties have pleaded with me not to release it'

A.H. Vishwanath, MLC from BJP, on Tuesday, left the members in the Legislative Council guessing when he said that his 'Bombay Days' book was ready, but leaders from all three political parties had pleaded with him not to release it. During a heated exchange over Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna's resignation, BJP member A.H. Vishwanath said it was an "unpardonable crime" in political parties to speak against their party leaders, even if what they say was a fact. "He [Rajanna] was removed because he spoke against Rahul Gandhi and his campaign," said Mr. Vishwanath, while ruling party members objected to the BJP MLC mentioning Mr. Gandhi's name in the House.

When Mr. Vishwanath spoke about democratic values and ethics in politics, the ruling party members reminded him of BJP's 'Operation Lotus' and asked him what happened in Bombay (Mumbai) when he, along with 16 other rebel MLAs, had helped topple the JD(S)-Congress coalition regime in Karnataka and form the BJP government. "Tell us about the Bombay issue, too. Tell us what really happened there," said Congress member Puttanna.

In response, Mr. Vishwanath said, "I have written and documented everything in detail in my book 'Bombay Days', but leaders from all three parties have pleaded with me not to release it."

Interrupting, Large and Medium Industries Minister M.B. Patil said he will find a good publisher for Mr. Vishwanath's book. "Release the book. It will sell well," he said.

The book is said to provide an inside view of the political developments that led to the replacement of the JD(S)-Congress coalition government with that of BJP in Karnataka in 2019.

businessline, GLA University sign campus partnership

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Hindu Group signed a new partnership with GLA University, Bharthia, Uttar Pradesh, for its *businessline Campus Connect Programme*.

Ashok Kumar Singh, Registrar, GLA University, and Sridhar Aranala, Vice President - Sales & Distribution, *The Hindu* Group, signed the partnership in the presence of Anurag Singh, Director - Institute of Business Management, GLA University. The collaboration will bridge the gap between academic learning and the world of business. It will provide GLA University students with practical knowledge, industry insights and essential resources.

Mr. Anurag Singh said the university was thrilled to bring the programme to its students. "With a legacy built on journalistic integrity and a commitment to providing comprehensive coverage of business and the economy, *The Hindu businessline* is uniquely positioned to empower our students with the knowledge and perspectives essential for success," he said.

The programme provides students with exposure to industry leaders through dedicated sessions and a wide array of resources via the Business Line App. This will be further enhanced by *The Hindu* Group's Digital All-Access Pass and a subscription to the *businessline* newspaper.

BJP seeks explanation on Rajanana's dismissal

Discussion on the issue cannot be allowed unless that member wants to speak: H.K. Patil

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Opposition BJP demanded an explanation from the Karnataka government on the sacking of Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna from the State Cabinet on Monday.

As soon as the Legislative Assembly proceedings commenced on Tuesday, BJP members raised the issue of Mr. Rajanna's dismissal. Though Speaker U.T. Khader assured the Opposition that the government would make a statement, his remark that it was an "internal" matter did not go down well with BJP members.

Even as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was in the House, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Minister H.K. Patil tabled the notification on Mr. Rajanna's removal from the Cabinet.

H.K. Patil, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, during the Karnataka Legislature Session in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Mr. Patil cited rules and said discussion on a Minister's dismissal from the Cabinet cannot be allowed unless that member wanted to speak. Mr. Rajanna was not present in the House. Mr. Patil shot back at BJP members and asked, "Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar resigned as the Vice-President. Was that discussed?"

"Resignation is not the same as dismissal," Deputy Leader of the Opposition Arvind Bellad shot back.

When IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge asked the BJP to explain Bijapur City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal's expulsion from the party, V. Sunil Kumar (BJP) countered and said, "Mr. Yatnal was expelled from the party, not the government." Mr. Kharge said it was the Chief Minister's prerogative to include or remove members to the Cabinet. "How is that your concern?" he asked.

Mr. Kumar hit back and said, "The point is that the prerogative here is that of the Congress high command and not the Chief Minister."

Meanwhile, the issue also figured in Legislative Council, where Leader of Opposition Chalavadi Narayanswamy raised the issue. "The government should inform the people the reason for his dismissal from the Cabinet." Responding to the Opposition charge, Floor Leader N.S. Boseraju said it was the discretion of the Chief Minister to appoint or dismiss Ministers. "There is no need for any explanation."

BJP MP petitions ECI on C.M. Ibrahim's claim of helping Siddaramaiah win 2018 poll

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party tried to turn the tables on Congress regarding its allegations of 'vote theft' with Rajya Sabha MP Lahar Singh Siroya petitioning the Election Commission of India (ECI) on claims by former Union Minister C.M. Ibrahim of 'purchasing' 3,000 votes in the 2018 Karnataka Assembly elections to ensure the victory of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in Badami.

Mr. Ibrahim was once a close associate of Mr. Siddaramaiah.

In a letter to the ECI in Delhi, along with an online link to the contents of Mr. Ibrahim's speech, Mr. Singh sought an investigation describing the claims of the former Union Minister as an alleged 'act of electoral crime'.

"Mr. Ibrahim, a former union minister and one of Mr. Siddaramaiah's closest associates and advisers for decades, has made a shocking revelation. He has said that he, along with senior Congress leader B. B. Chimmanakatti, helped purchase 3,000 votes in 2018 so that Mr. Siddaramaiah could scrape through the Assembly election from the Badami seat. In the final count, Mr. Siddaramaiah's victory margin in Badami was a mere 1,696 votes. It was a humiliating margin for a sitting chief minister. The NOTA votes (2,007) were higher than his victory margin," Mr. Singh said.

"Mr. Ibrahim will do us a great favour if he tells us how, and from whom, he purchased the 3,000 votes to save his friend. He has also said that Mr. Siddaramaiah had paid for this purchase, but took six months to make the payment," Mr. Singh added.

No remains found at site no. 13 in Dharmasthala

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MANGALURU

The Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing the complaint of burial of over 100 bodies, on Tuesday carried out digging on a part of site no. 13 in Dharmasthala town in Karnataka but did not find any skeletal remains. The digging in other parts of the site will continue on Wednesday.

The excavation at site no. 13, which is among the 13 'burial' sites identified by the complainant, was a plain land close to the vented dam that had seen a lot of changes over the years. The SIT scanned the site area using ground penetrating radar (GPR), to get a clear map of the contours of the land beneath and detect substances lying inside.The excavation ended after digging for about 18 ft.

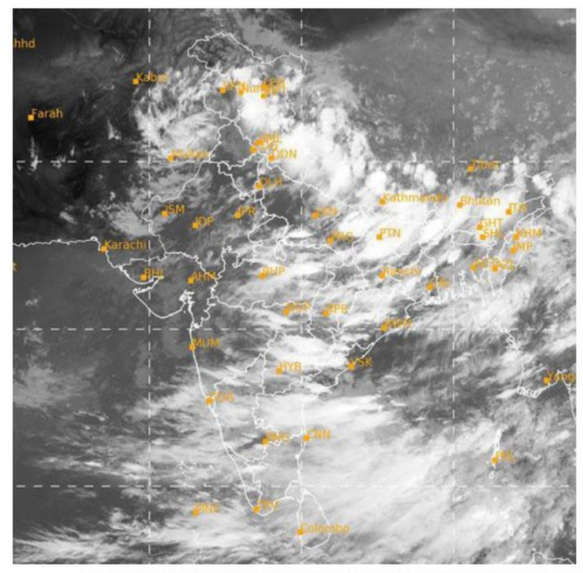
NHRC visit

Meanwhile, a team of police officers from the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) visited site no. 13 on Tuesday. The officers of NHRC, which has registered a *suo-motu* case on reports related to mass burial complaint, on Monday first visited the SIT office in Belthangady, and then the Dharmasthala gram panchayat office and the site close to Bahubali hills, which the SIT had excavated on August 9.

Sources in the SIT ruled out reinvestigation into the death of PU student Padmalatha in February 1987, as sought by her sister.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Sikkim, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.6	27.6	Kozhikode	8	31.5	24.5
Ahmedabad	0.5	34.7	26.8	Kurnool	6	30.1	23.2
Aizawl	0.4	29.1	20.8	Lucknow	4	34.9	26.1
Allahabad	0.9	34.6	26.4	Madurai	—	36.5	24.6
Bengaluru	—	25.5	20.2	Mangaluru	15.1	27.7	23.2
Bhopal	—	30.6	24.0	Mumbai	1.3	31.5	25.9
Bhubaneswar	—	35.7	25.0	Mysuru	—	27.6	21.0
Chandigarh	38	31.8	24.3	New Delhi	19	33.7	23.4
Chennai	—	30.8	25.7	Patna	—	33.6	28.4
Coimbatore	—	30.4	21.8	Port Blair	45	28.6	23.2
Dehradun	0.1	29.5	22.8	Puducherry	—	29.7	25.4
Gangtok	14	22.7	19.4	Pune	1.4	31.7	23.3
Goa	7	29.2	24.4	Raipur	—	33.5	26.0
Guwahati	0.6	32.5	27.2	Ranchi	44	30.7	23.3
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	—	25.4	19.0
Hyderabad	20	29.3	21.6	Shimla	46	20.8	17.0
Imphal	5	25.9	23.4	Srinagar	—	33.4	23.6
Jaipur	—	35.4	27.2	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	30.7	24.5
Kochi	10	29.2	24.2	Tiruchi	—	32.5	26.0
Kohima	1	24.6	20.2	Vijayawada	2	35.4	25.2
Kolkata	1	36.0	27.6	Visakhapatnam	—	35.4	26.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.17	..42	.34	34	55	.....
Bengaluru	..—	..39	.33	53	50	.....
Chennai	.15	..17	.46	40	59	.....
Delhi	.17	..58	.61	...143	...101	.....
Hyderabad	.19	..15	.43	48	80	.....
Kolkata	...9	..91	.27	35	48	.....
Lucknow	.54	..12	.49	31	32	.....
Mumbai	.37	4	...4	68	83	.....
Pune	..—	.30	100	34	68	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..37	.25	64	99	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Aurangabad, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 217 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 21

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala State Co-operative Bank invites competitive quotations in E-tender mode from reputed printers for printing and supply of Cheque Books and Demand Drafts. E-tender documents containing specification, terms & conditions etc. can be obtained from e-tenders website of Kerala State Govt. (www.etenders.kerala.gov.in). **Tender ID: 2025_KSCB_784837_1.** Details are also available in the Bank's website: www.keralabank.co.in. The Tender Document Download Start Date is 11/08/2025 @ 05.55 pm and last date of submission of E-tender is on 19/09/2025 @ 6.00 pm
Thiruvananthapuram,
12/08/2025
(Sd/-) Chief Executive Officer

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

No.:KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3164/Call-2 Dated: 04.08.2025 for **"RTPS-Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Sodium chlorite and Hydrochloric acid day tank at CWP forebay-2 & 3".** EMD: **Rs.59,000/-.** Last date for submission of completed tender document: **18.08.2025, 16.00 Hrs.**
Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-1) RTPS, Shakthinagar-584 170 during office hours.**

BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION

No.:KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3284.Dated:01.08.2025 for **"Providing and Painting of Equipments & Pipe Lines installed at Unit-3 Ash Handling System, BTPS during AOH."** Total Tender Amount Excluding Taxes & Duties: **Rs.14.98 Lakhs.** Last date and time for receipt of tenders is on: **16.08.2025 up to 17.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (AHP)-2, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583 152. Bellary (District), Contact Mobile Number:+ 91 9141609479**

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No: 84801 KMDS/TECH/STIM/20/2023-ACCT Date: 12.08.2025

Short Term Retender Notification
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Retender is invited through e-procurement portal for the following service required for KMDS, please visit **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** to submit bids for **"Selection of Bank for Providing Various Payment Modes (such as BBPS, Challan Based Payment, Payment Gateway) Solution Integrated with Bankers Software and E-Sweekruthi Software (client)"** and **"Provision of Call Centre Services for e-Khatha Citizen Help Desk"**

Retender Details

1. Retender No. : DMA/2024-25/SE4439/Call-2
Tender Name: "Selection of Bank for Providing Various Payment Modes (such as BBPS, Challan Based Payment, Payment Gateway) Solution Integrated with Bankers Software and E-Sweekruthi Software (client)"
2. Retender No. : DMA/2025-26-/SE5717/Call-2
Tender Name: Provision of Call Centre Services for ekhatha Citizen Help Desk.
(1) Tenders Publish Date:**13-08-2025. (2)** Last date for receipt of tenders : **22-08-2025 at 5.30 PM. (3)** Bid opening Date: **25-08-2025, 11.00 AM.**
For the above detailed specifications is tagged in website **www.mrc.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Joint Director (R). Karnataka Municipal Data Society. Bengaluru.
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No/NWKT/GDG/TR/COMR/1356/25-26 Date: 11-08-2025
e-TENDER Notification No:06/2025
(Through KPP Portal Only)
Inviting e-Tender applications to Commercial Establishments coming under the jurisdiction of NWKRTC, Gadag Division.
Interested parties may participate in the tender through e-procurement portal **"http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal-home"** within stipulated date and time as mentioned. For more details contact **phone no:7760991802, 9986802447, 7026047644.**
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BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through KPP Portal Only)
RPCL invites bids through GoK KPP Portal **https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in** from reputed bidders for the work of **1) KPCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3166/CALL-2 dtd. 11.08.2025 : Providing and fixing PVC fills of Model Shock wave 25 mechanically assembled (SW25MA) to one cell of IDCT-1/2 at YTPS.** Approx value of work: **Rs. 23,12,605.83**, EMD: **Rs. 46,260/- Class of Contractor :** Manufacturer or authorized dealer of PVC Fills for Cooling Towers or Any individual Class-III Registered KPWD Contractor or equivalent to KPWD Class-III Contractor registered in other State Government/Central Government and above or Registered Firms / Companies / any undertaking companies are eligible to apply. Further details can be had from Executive Engineer(Civil), YTPS, RPCL, Chicksugur-584134, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 9480682523.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)
2) KPCL/2025-26/AUCTION103 dtd. 05.08.2025: Disposal of Non-hazardous type of scrap materials on "as is where is basis" at YTPS. Last date to confirm participation: **20.08.2025,** Live bidding through KPP Portal: **25.08.2025.** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer(MSP), YTPS, RPCL, Chicksugur-584134, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 8277889196.

Office of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development, Division, Shimoga.
SECTION 1-INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS KW-3
Dated:11.08.2025 Corrigendum-1 IFT No.: 12/2025-26
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground water Development Division, Shivamogga has invited tender vide this office IFT no. 12/2025-26 dated: 02.08.2025 in Standard Bid Document KW-3 through kpp-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz.,http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from eligible contractors for work indent no. MI/2025-26/MT/Work_indent6364. Due to technical reasons the last date for submission of work is extended to 16.08.2025 upto 17:00hrs. Tender opening date at 11.00 hrs on 18.08.2025. All other terms and conditions remains unaltered. Any other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in are final.
Sd/- Executive Engineer M.I & G.W.D. Division, Shimoga.
DIPR/smg/KSMCA/25-26/60/08/747

भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA
REGIONAL OFFICE : No. 10, EAST END MAIN ROAD, 4th 'T' BLOCK, JAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560041
No. RO KA-32.0011.0/14/2025-CON-RO KA Date: 09.08.2025
ई–निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice
जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, दो वर्ष के लिए नियमित **1)** आरएच/जीएस शिमोगा और एफएसडी गडीकोप्पा में एचटीसी, **2)** आरएच/जीएस शिमोगा और एफएसडी तावेरेकोप्पा में एचटीसी, **3)** एफएसडी एंड्रोथ में एचटीसी, **4)** आरएस/एफएसडी बोम्मापुर में एचटीसी, **5)** पीडब्ल्यूएस कलबुर्गी और आरएच/जीएस ताजसुल्तानपुर में एचटीसी, **6)** एफएसडी विजयपुरा और आरएच/जीएस अलियाबाद में एचटीसी और **7)** मैंगलोर बंदरगाह से एफएसडी एंड्रोथ तक एमएमटीसी, के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित किया गया है। **बोली 01.09.2025 को दोपहर 2.00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी है।
एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **"www.fci.gov.in"** और **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर उपलब्ध हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।
Online Tenders for regular **1)** HTC at RH/GS Shimoga and FSD Gadikoppa, **2)** HTC at RH/GS Shimoga and FSD Thaverekoppa, **3)** HTC at FSD Androth, **4)** HTC at RS/FSD Bommapur, **5)** HTC at PWS Kalburagi & RH/GS Tajsultanpur, **6)** HTC at FSD Vijaypura & RH/GS Aliyabad & **7)** MMTC from Mangalore port to FSD Androth for two years is invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 01.09.2025.**
NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in"** & **"https://gem.gov.in"**. For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in.**
महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (Karnataka)

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAMA LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer
VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division, No.3 Arasikere
Ph: 08174233111 e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com
Tender Notification No: EE/YP/VJNL/DIV-03/YGC/TN-05/2025-26/617 Dated:08.08.2025
TENDER NOTIFICATION No:05/2025-26/617 Dtd:08.08.2025 (TWO TENDER DOCUMENT SYSTEM) (Only through E-procurement KPP Portal)
Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore by the Executive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.3, Arasikere, Hassan District in Two tender document system. Details of works are as follows Sl. No.Name of work 1)Improvements Of Road from Adaguru gram Panchayat Adaguru Kere to Dasagodanahalli Village in Madihalli Hobali in Beluru taluk (Reserved for Cat 2A Contractor) Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)59.04 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Cat-2A Civil contractors only 2)Improvements Of Road in Adaguru gram Panchayat, Devarahalli Village limits in Madihalli Hobali,Beluru taluk. (Reserved for Cat 2A Contractor) Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)42.33 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Cat-2A Civil contractors only 3)Improvements Of Road in Madaghatta gram Panchayat, Mallarahosahalli Village limits in Bikkod Hobali, Beluru taluk. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)42.33 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors 4)Improvements Of Road in Hagare gram Panchayat, Betadalur Village through Sangaiahna Koppalu Village to Adavi Bantenahalli Village in Madihalli Hobali, Beluru taluk Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)67.71 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors 5)Improvements Of Road in Kogilemane gram Panchayat, Malagere Village to cheluvegowdana Koppalu village in Kasaba Hobali, Beluru taluk. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)59.20 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors 6)Improvements Of Road in Dabbe gram Panchayat, Keethur Village in Arehalli Hobali,Beluru taluk. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)67.59 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors 7)Improvements Of Road in Hagare gram Panchayat, Hasana-Beluru Main road to Keshavapura Village in Madihalli Hobali, Beluru taluk. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)84.53 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors 8)Improvements Of Road in Madaghata gram Panchayat, Andur Village limits in Bikkodu Hobali, Beluru taluk. Amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)59.17 Category of Contractor KPWD Class-3 and Above Civil contractors Details for submission of bids/EMD/ tender conditions/Pre-qualification criteria/ Pre bid details and other information related to above said work can be obtained through e-portal http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Intending bidder can access the tender document from Date:13.08.2025 through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours. Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division, No.3, Arasikere. Ph: 08174-233111, e-mail: eeypd3ask@gmail.com
Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, Y P Division, No.3 Arasikere
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಇ/ಲಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/443/ಕೆಎಸ್.ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

District Child Protection Unit
First floor, Mahathma Gandhi Stadium, Kuvempu Nagar, Tumkur
E-mail ID dcpo.tumkur@gmail.com Telephone No- 0816-2956699
No:Dcpu:Tum:Staff:2025-26 Date:06-08-2025
E-Procurement Tender Notification
The supply of Manpower to District Child Protection Unit, Childline-1098, Boys Home, Girls Home, Child Welfare Committee, Juvenile Justice Board of working under District Child Protection Unit, Women and Child Development Department in Tumkur District.
The estimated value of the tender is **Rs. 90.00 lakhs**, EMD **Rs. 1.80 lakh**, starting date for tender uploading: **06-08-2025** Interested parties are requested to upload the necessary documents by **date:20-08-2025** through website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For further information contact District Child Protection Unit, First Floor, Mahatma Gandhi Stadium, Kuvempunagar, Tumkur Phone No: 0816-2956699.
Sd/- District Child Protection Officer
District Child Protection Unit,
Tumkur.
DIPR/TUM/RO-98/25-26/Oysters

Justice and equality

Those most in need of organ transplantation should not be denied it

When decisions are based on the principle of natural justice, they serve a particular social purpose or aim to right a specific wrong. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization's (NOTTO) recent advisory, stating that women patients and relatives of deceased donors awaiting transplants will get priority as beneficiaries, walks the path of rewriting a gender trope. There is a gender skew as NOTTO's decadal data (2013-23) indicates. As per NOTTO, in 2023, women constituted 63% of all living donor transplants, and yet they comprised between 24% (for heart) and 47% (lung) as beneficiaries of organs for transplantation. In kidney transplants, women were only 37% of the beneficiaries in 2023, while for liver, women's share was 30%. For pancreas transplant, women totalled up to 26% of total beneficiaries. Analysis in the *British Medical Journal* showed that in the past five years, women contributed to 36,038 of the 56,509 living organ donations in India, and benefited from transplantation in only 17,041 cases. NOTTO, in its advisory, said the recommendation was an attempt to address the gender imbalance among organ transplant recipients; to make provisions for additional points in the allocation criteria for women patients in the waiting.

While certainly laudable in what it sets out to do, this move could well be beset with procedural hassles. Currently, organ allotment protocols do not allow for prioritising any one recipient over another, except on grounds of health. There are, therefore, no provisions to prioritise women and/or near relatives of previous donors. Since the NOTTO advisory, questions have also been raised about whom the definition of 'near relatives' should include, and if all families involved in donating cadaveric organs for transplantation (since 1995) would be considered beneficiaries. The primary fear among implementers seems to be that this might become another backdoor way to facilitate out-of-turn allotments, particularly as organ harvesting rackets continue to be busted in India. However, it makes little sense to throw the baby out with the bathwater, particularly when operating with the intent to be more inclusive, in a society shaped by patriarchal norms. It is crucial that NOTTO makes this a participative process, taking along various agencies involved in implementation. While it is important to ensure proper implementation under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, and widen access to the limited pool of organs, above all, it is imperative that the principle of not denying anyone whose need for an organ is the greatest, based on health parameters, is always adhered to.

Dogs and laws

Urban local bodies need funding for shelters and sterilisation drives

The August 11 Supreme Court order represents the most forceful judicial intervention yet on the matter of free-roaming dogs. By directing Delhi and its satellites to collect every street dog within eight weeks, confine them permanently in pounds, and expand shelter capacity at speed, the Court has signalled its willingness to override administrative lethargy. Delhi records roughly 30,000 dog bite cases a year and rabies still kills poor urban residents with patchy access to post-exposure prophylaxis. The Court's blunt instrument conflicts with the Animal Birth Control Rules 2023, specifically its doctrine of "capture, neuter, vaccinate, release", and which forbid municipalities from permanently relocating healthy dogs or impounding them for long periods except if a dog is rabid, incurably ill or found to be dangerously aggressive by a veterinarian. The Rules have failed the test of numbers, however. Urban dog populations have continued to swell despite sporadic sterilisation drives because 70% coverage, below which reproduction rebounds, has almost nowhere been reached. The prescription to return dogs to their territories has entrenched packs in the same high-density neighbourhoods where children play and garbage accumulates. The Rules also block municipalities from exploring alternative strategies such as long-term impoundment. Now, if the Rules are intact, municipal officers who confine dogs could be prosecuted; if they obey the Rules, they risk contempt of court.

Policymakers should treat this conflict as an opportunity to confront an outdated legal setup. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 was enacted when India's urban footprint was modest. Today's conurbations with dense informal settlements cannot afford such dog populations. Entrenched ideological positions that romanticise "community dogs" and regard confinement as oppression take insufficient account of the dense human ecology. A modern statute should clearly distinguish between sociable dogs that can find homes; aggressive or chronically ill dogs that require euthanasia; and the large residual category that can live in proper shelters – but none on public roads. Cities should impose duties on municipalities, specify minimum staffing and veterinary standards for pounds, and tie fiscal transfers to reductions in morbidity. Urban local bodies also need steady funding, perhaps under the National Centre for Disease Control, to bankroll the construction and operation of shelters and to fund large-scale sterilisation teams. Veterinary education councils should integrate shelter medicine into curricula to ensure a workforce exists to staff new facilities. Without such support, Delhi risks swapping its dog menace with underfunded canine slammers at the city's edge, invisible but also cruel.

Benjamin Netanyahu's push for a no-state solution

Stanly Johny

It took 108 years after the Balfour Declaration, when the British first professed support for the establishment of a Jewish national home "in Palestine", for London to even commit to recognising Palestinian statehood. Last month, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer announced that Britain would recognise the state of Palestine in September, unless Israel ended the war in Gaza and took urgent measures aimed at long-term peace, based on the two-state framework. France, another close ally of Israel and an enabler of Israel's nuclear weapons programme, also said that it would recognise Palestine in the UN General Assembly session. Canada, Australia and a few other nations in the western alliance system have also pledged to follow suit.

Make no mistake. This is not a moment of sudden moral awakening against Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories. Israel has occupied Palestinian territories since 1967. Several countries in the Global South, including India, recognised Palestinian sovereignty in the late 1980s, following the declaration of independence by the Palestine Liberation Organization. Even after the Oslo Accords of 1993 and 1995, which promised a two-state solution, most western governments insisted that they would recognise Palestine only as part of a final settlement. Today, such a settlement based on the two-state formula appears as remote as ever. But more and more countries in the Global North are now stepping forward to recognise Palestinian sovereignty. Why?

Charges of genocide

There are two possible explanations.

First, the charge that Israel is committing genocide, the most serious crime before international law, is no longer a fringe theory. Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu now faces an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court, while the International Court of Justice is examining the genocide charge. Within Israel, two leading rights organisations, B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights Israel, have accused the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) of committing genocide, a position also echoed by Amnesty International and Médecins Sans Frontières. Omer Bartov, an Israeli-American genocide studies scholar and a veteran of the IDF, has stated that Israel is committing genocide. David Grossman, one of Israel's most respected writers, has said that "with immense pain and a broken heart" he must use the word genocide to describe his country's war on the Palestinians.

In just 22 months, Israeli forces have killed 2.6% of Gaza's pre-war population, wounded over 6.5% and displaced nearly all of them. Among the dead are over 18,000 children. Israel had also imposed a total blockade in March 2025, weaponising hunger and aid delivery, and triggering a mass starvation crisis. Since May, over 1,000 Palestinians have been killed while trying to collect food and other relief, according to the United Nations. Such systemic violence against an entire people in an occupied territory by their colonial rulers has been unprecedented in recent history, which makes the war increasingly impossible for even Israel's staunchest allies to defend – the United States remains the outlier.

Israel's Prime Minister wants only this — no sovereignty for the Palestinians, no state for the Palestinians and no rights for the Palestinians

Second, mounting allegations of war crimes, ethnic cleansing and genocide have shifted international public opinion decisively against the Jewish nation. Across Europe, public protests have swelled, fuelled by anger not just towards the war but also towards the hollow position most of their governments, which, otherwise, are vocal about human rights, have taken. A YouGov poll in June found that only 13%-21% people in western Europe have a favourable view of Israel. In some countries, the support for the Gaza war has dropped to as low as 6%. Dissent is growing even in the U.S., which is Israel's patron and partner. An *Economist*/YouGov Survey in August found only 27% Americans to be supportive of Mr. Netanyahu, while 84% backed an immediate ceasefire. Nearly half of American voters now believe that Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinians.

Ideological regime

Israel is aware of the strains in its ties with its traditional allies and that it is losing global public opinion. The stain of Gaza will not fade easily. The most prudent and humane thing for Israel to do is to end the war through a ceasefire for a hostage deal, open all humanitarian corridors, pull back from Gaza and take steps to hold itself accountable for its failures and violations. But Mr. Netanyahu's regime, driven by a settler, expansionist neo-Zionist ideology, is unable to pursue any of these measures. Instead, Mr. Netanyahu seeks to escalate the war further. Last week, his security cabinet cleared a proposal to take control of Gaza City.

How did the 'start-up nation', imagined as a collective of communes for what Pankaj Mishra calls "a pitilessly abused people", become a victimiser? The answer lies in a collective failure of both the post-War world and an expansionist Israel. This failure reached catastrophic proportions following Hamas's brutal October 7, 2023 massacre. Nations typically go to war with clearly defined objectives and a theory of victory. Israel's declared objectives were the destruction of Hamas and the release of hostages. But in Gaza, the target has not just been Hamas. It has been Gaza itself. Twenty-two months later, Hamas is far from destroyed. And some 50 hostages, most of them dead, remain in captivity.

If Mr. Netanyahu ends the war and leaves Gaza, that would be tantamount to admitting defeat. If he agrees to a ceasefire, his far-right allies – Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben Gvir – will abandon his government, which has already lost its majority in the Knesset. And once he is out of power, he will have to face a reckoning, not just about the corruption charges he faces but also about the failures of October 7 and the war that followed. So, it is in Mr. Netanyahu's interest to prolong the war even if it continues to devastate Palestinian lives and erode Israel's standing in the world.

Shoa and Nakba

The second problem is more structural. Mr. Netanyahu, a child of revisionist Zionism, has long supported Jewish settlements in disputed areas. The settlers, a big political bloc in Israel, want more Lebensraum (living space). For them, the war is an opportunity to "return to Gaza after 20 years". But Gaza is the home of two million Palestinians. What becomes of them?

Mr. Smotrich, the Finance Minister, has openly called for "Gaza to be totally destroyed" and the Palestinians expelled. Defence Minister Israel Katz wants to push them to the "humanitarian city" in Rafah, which is widely criticised even by former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, as a concentration camp. If Palestinians are expelled or confined to such concentration camps, Jewish settlers can return to the enclave. This is the theory of victory for Israel's far-right. And this theory aligns well with Mr. Netanyahu's plans to escalate the war and seize control of the territory. When the world pushes for a two-state solution, Mr. Netanyahu is pushing for a no-state solution – no sovereignty for the Palestinians, no state for the Palestinians and no rights for the Palestinians.

Milan Kundera once wrote: "The struggle of a man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting". For over seven decades, Israel not only remembered but also reminded the world of the horrors endured by the Jews in Europe. The organised and institutional remembrance of the Shoah has, at times, become a tool in the hands of extremist Zionists to silence criticism of the Israeli state, branding dissent as anti-Semitic. But today, the organised and systemic violence in Gaza, live streamed to millions across the world, is forging a new collective conscience about the Palestinian Nakbas.

The decision by Israel's closest allies to recognise Palestinian sovereignty and subjectivity may not immediately alter the situation on the ground. But it is a breaking moment in the post-1948 Israel consensus in the West. Messrs Nentanyahu, Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, blinded by their shared ethno-nationalist ideology and drunk with hard power, are programmatically incapable of grasping the shifts unfolding around them.

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Clear the myths, recognise organ donation as a lifeline

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Organ transplantation is one of modern medicine's greatest triumphs. A miracle of 20th century medicine, organ transplants are the gold standard treatment for terminal and irreversible organ failure. Yet, in India, more than half a million lives are lost every year for lack of a suitable donor organ.

This is despite the number of transplants performed every year, from 4,990 in 2013 to 18,378 in 2023. However, this number includes only 1,099 deceased organ donors after brain death. The Indian organ donation rate per million population is only 0.8, which is much lower than the highest rate of over 45 per million population in Spain and the United States. As I have often said, losing a fellow Indian due to the lack of an organ for transplant is a preventable fatality we cannot, and must not accept.

Helping families to overcome their fears

The reasons for this gap between demand and supply include deep-seated myths and misconceptions that discourage families from consenting to donation after a patient's death. To change this situation, we must launch sustained education and awareness campaigns.

Many families believe that donating one's organs disfigures the body, preventing proper funeral rites. Families worry about the deceased person's physical integrity being affected or of violating religious traditions. In reality, organ retrieval is performed with the utmost respect and care, ensuring that the donor's appearance is preserved for viewing and final ceremonies. Health-care teams work within the framework of cultural practices, and leaders across faiths have publicly affirmed that organ donation is an act of compassion aligned with spiritual values espoused in all religions.

Another widespread myth is the fear that some families harbour that hospital staff might prematurely declare brain death just to harvest organs. This is a complete falsehood as a declaration of brain death requires strict adherence to a structured legal and clinical framework established under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994. This involves strict medical criteria, a multidisciplinary board of experts, defined clinical assessments repeated after a stipulated interval, and thorough documentation on prescribed forms. The procedure is robust, transparent and ethically sound to ensure an unbiased confirmation of irreversible neurological death, an upholding of ethical standards, and the enabling of timely organ retrieval for transplantation.

Sustained awareness campaigns can ensure that no life is lost for want of an organ

The issue of age and health

Age and health status often give rise to another misunderstanding – that only young accident victims can donate organs. While certain organs perform best when recovered from younger donors, many organs and tissues, such as the kidneys, liver segments, the lungs, and the corneas can come from older donors or those who die of natural causes. Every contribution counts, with even donations of bone, skin and heart valves able to save or dramatically improve lives.

Addressing these myths requires a sustained focus. Audio-visual campaigns on television and social media can reach younger audiences. Using real donor families and transplant recipients in communication can show how transplants save real lives. Community workshops, led by trained counsellors, can provide safe spaces for questions and discussions, directly addressing concerns about funeral rites, medical protocols, and donor eligibility.

Donation awareness must be instilled in schools and colleges from a young age. By integrating organ donation education into the life sciences and ethics curriculum, we can nurture a culture of giving. Peer-to-peer education empowers students to take ownership of the message, fostering empathy and debunking myths through relatable storytelling.

Health-care professionals themselves must also become champions of organ donation. Regular training sessions can equip physicians, nurses and other health-care staff with the knowledge and the skills to initiate compassionate conversations with families of potential donors. At Apollo Hospitals, we have dedicated transplant coordination teams who guide families through the complex decision-making process with sensitivity and clarity.

Steps to ensure public confidence

I strongly believe that India needs a collective national will to bridge the massive gap between organ supply and demand. The push given to organ donation on this day must be sustained going forward through policy reforms and grass-roots engagement. One promising policy proposal is presumed consent, adopted in countries in Europe such as Spain and Croatia, with significant success. Under this system, every adult is considered an organ donor unless they register an objection. Alongside presumed consent, robust family support systems and grievance redress mechanisms are vital to ensure public confidence and ethical oversight.

Organ donation is not just a medical procedure. It is a profound act of charity. And to donate one's organs so that others may live is perhaps the noblest legacy one can leave.

The time to act is now. Every eligible adult must register as a donor, and every family must pledge to respect their decision. For patients with end-stage disease where an organ transplant is the only treatment, organ donation is a lifeline. By busting myths and with an unwavering commitment, we can ensure that no Indian loses their life for want of an organ. Today, on World Organ Donation Day (August 13 every year), let us all pledge to embrace this cause as a shared responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Allegations of 'vote theft'

In India, the word 'election' is one that evokes immense civic pride in a citizen. Therefore, it is the duty of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to ensure that the entire election system ensures a fair poll as the running of a democracy rests on this. But why is the ECI not responding to the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of 'vote theft' if it has nothing to hide? And why is Mr. Gandhi not submitting his claims in writing? The ECI seems more intent on condemning the messenger than confronting wrong-doing.

Baani Bhabha,
Ambala, Punjab

Human-elephant conflict

The report, "World Elephant Day to be celebrated in Coimbatore today" (August 12), is perhaps the right moment to highlight how tourists harass elephants. Video footage of a tusker nearly trampling a tourist in Bandipur on August 10 is an example of unchecked tourism and tourists not following the rules. The 'selfie craze' is to blame. There are videos on YouTube of local people harassing elephants in the tea gardens of West Bengal and Assam. These clips show youngsters running behind herds and teasing the animals and the 'mass entertainment' it gives them when the angry animals react. What are the State Forest Departments doing?

Samriddhi Boppiah,
Valparai, Tamil Nadu

Community participation

Medicine has the speciality called 'community medicine' that specifically focuses on community engagement and empowerment to achieve 'community health'.
The fact is that there are a number of public health specialists in India with a Masters in Public Health (MPH). Such community physicians and public health specialists should actively seek out major roles so that national health programmes have meaningful community engagement.

Dr. Kavuru Ravindra,
Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

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Debunking the myth of job creation

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On July 1, 2025, the government approved the Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme to support employment generation, with an outlay of ₹99,446 crore. However, this raises serious concerns about the target population in a labour market where capital-labour asymmetries, the formal-informal sector divide, and the persistent mismatch between employment opportunities and employability continue to marginalise large sections of the workforce, particularly low-skilled and the informal workers.

Problems with the scheme

While being an ambitious attempt to generate employment, the ELI reflects an employer-centric approach to the labour market. By providing fiscal incentives to employers for creating employment, particularly in the manufacturing sector, the scheme overlooks the persistent mismatch between employability and actual employment opportunities. Incentivising employment generation seems to mimic subsidising capital which may consequently promote existing capital-labour asymmetries. In effect, this may further lead to the strengthening of the bargaining power of employers rather than of the workers, which may enhance the already high wage gaps. This would prove detrimental for workers, especially from the informal and low-skilled segments, who remain excluded from the benefits of the scheme.

At the heart of India's labour market crisis lies not just a lack of jobs but a severe skill mismatch. The Economic Survey 2024-25 reveals that only 8.25% of graduates are employed in roles matching their qualifications. Worse, over 53% of graduates and 36% of postgraduates are underemployed in semi-skilled or elementary occupations. This dismal alignment is further reflected in wage outcomes: only 4.2% of graduates in specialised roles earn between ₹4 lakh-8 lakh per annum, while nearly 46% in low-skill jobs earn less than ₹1 lakh. These figures expose not just the inefficiency of India's education-to-employment pipeline, but also the futility of employer-centric incentives in a labour market where workers lack the skills that industry demands. Only 4.9% of Indian youth (15-29 years) have received formal vocational training. In the absence of a robust skilling infrastructure, the ELI Scheme does little more than pay employers to absorb an unprepared workforce.

The scheme tends to prioritise sectors/firms that are already integrated into the formal economy, i.e., those who have already registered with the Employee's Provident Fund Organisation. While this design may seem administratively sound, it indirectly marginalises 90% of the labour force employed in the informal sector, who are already devoid of social security, formal contracts, and stable employment protection. In doing so, it risks establishing structural inequalities rather than resolving them. This restriction and consequent exclusion may exacerbate existing dual labour market structures, where the formal sector is provided with state support and incentives, while the informal sector remains unrecognised in policy initiatives. Such a scheme may also be indirectly reinforcing inequality by channelising fiscal allocation (in other words, public resources) towards the relatively well-off enterprises, leaving behind low-wage, unregistered workers. The state's substantial investment in the formal sector also bypasses the informal workforce which continues to absorb the bulk of new labour market entrants.

What is more worrying is that the scheme could end up normalising disguised unemployment – where people appear to be employed but are in fact not contributing to output – which is common in sectors such as agriculture and informal services. The result is low productivity and stagnant or low wages. Enterprises might resort to relabeling existing jobs as 'new employment' to claim the subsidy.

The scheme's special focus on manufacturing also reveals a sectoral blind spot. While manufacturing remains critical to economic transformation, its employment elasticity in India has been steadily declining due to increased automation and capital intensity. Today, manufacturing contributes less than 13% to total employment, while agriculture and services together employ nearly 70% of the workforce. By disproportionately privileging manufacturing through extended incentives, the ELI Scheme may further marginalise large segments of the workforce, particularly women, rural youth, and informal workers, who are more likely to be employed in low-skill services or agriculture. This sectoral imbalance represents an outdated assumption that the manufacturing sector will be the primary engine of job creation.

What could be an alternative?

Although the ELI Scheme is an attempt to address India's unemployment crisis, the policy design indicates that it will deepen structural inequalities in the labour market. It also highlights the absence of mechanisms to address skill development, improve job quality, or social security for the workers in the informal sectors. Investment in skilling and education reforms will instead benefit low-skilled workers. Further, more initiatives should be shifted from short-term employment generation to long-term sustained employment opportunities and enhanced productivity, without compromising on labour rights and bargaining power. Finally, an employment generation drive should avoid dealing with headcounts, and rather focus on being an equitable and sustainable development strategy.

Although the ELI Scheme is an attempt to address India's unemployment crisis, the design of the policy could deepen structural inequalities in the labour market

A churn in West Bengal politics

The targeting of Bengali-speaking migrant workers could hurt the BJP

STATE OF PLAY

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Over the last few months, migrant workers from West Bengal have been detained in large numbers across India and asked to provide proof of their citizenship. From Odisha and Chhattisgarh in the east, to Maharashtra and Gujarat in the west, and to Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan in the north, thousands of migrant workers have been detained by security agencies, sometimes in hundreds, and for days. A few of them have been pushed into Bangladesh. These detentions have not only caused physical and emotional trauma to the migrant workers, but also disrupted their work cycles, forcing many of them to return to West Bengal.

The targeting of migrant workers from the State has created a churn in West Bengal politics. For the ruling Trinamool Congress, the plight of the workers has come as an opportunity to rekindle the debate about Bengali language and identity. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has said that migrant workers have been targeted in BJP-ruled States for speaking in the Bengali language and that this is an insult to Bengali identity. The Trinamool leadership has started building its campaign for the 2026 Assembly elections by following a script similar to what it had followed successfully during the 2021 Assembly elections.

The BJP argues that the exercise in BJP-ruled States is aimed not at targeting migrant workers from West Bengal, but at identifying and removing "illegal" immigrants from Bangladesh. The West Bengal unit of the BJP, which promises restoration of a "Hindu homeland" for Bengalis, believes that the targeting of migrant workers from the State, most of whom are Muslim, will not hurt the party's political prospects. BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari has also said that "nearly one crore Rohingya immigrants, Bangladeshi Muslim voters, deceased voters, duplicate entries, and fake voters" have made it to West Bengal's voters' list in large numbers, which is why the BJP is demanding a Special Intensive Revision exercise in West Bengal as well.

Some political observers feel that the detention and harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants has provided a clear edge to the Trinamool leadership, which can easily paint the BJP as a party opposed to Bengali language and identity. After all, the BJP has no answer as to why a large number of migrant workers from the State are being detained and harassed. While a majority of the migrant workers facing harassment are Muslim, Matuas – a community that has largely supported the BJP and was promised citizenship under the Citizenship Amendment Act, 2019 – are also being detained, arrested, and forced to provide proof of citizenship.

Migration is a complex phenomenon involving economics, history, and geography. A report on internal migration in India, published by NITI Aayog in December 2024, had estimated inter-State migration based on unreserved train tickets sold. It used the 2011 Census as its base. The report titled '400 Million Dreams' pointed out that there is not only outward migration from West Bengal but also inward migration.

If Bengali-speaking migrants continue to be harassed across India and are forced to return to the State, it will not only put pressure on the West Bengal economy, but also lead to social tensions. Disrupting the natural economic cycle of millions of migrant workers by detaining them on suspicion of being Bangladeshi can have serious implications on the economic and societal landscape of West Bengal.

Moreover, as the State has a shared history and geography, as well as close cultural and linguistic ties with Bangladesh, it is difficult to identify a Bangladeshi national among Bengali-speaking migrants. Poor migrant workers are being detained simply because they speak a particular language. This is not only a violation of due process, but also an exercise in futility. Efforts should instead be made to strengthen surveillance on the border and fence hundreds of kilometres of India's border with Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, migrant workers returning to West Bengal have little option but to look for opportunities in other States. With no jobs in West Bengal and no compensation from the government, the workers will naturally take the next train to a relatively safer destination. This time, however, they may travel with more identity documents so that they are not harassed on suspicion of being Bangladeshi.

Before tackling stray dogs issue, India must count them properly

Current policies about stray dogs are being framed based on estimates using outdated censuses

DATA POINT

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On August 11, the Supreme Court directed the Delhi government and local bodies to immediately capture stray dogs and put them in shelters. The Court was hearing a suo motu case on the increasing instances of stray dog attacks on children, including infants. The Court said, "Not a single dog picked up shall be released back on the streets/public spaces."

The order has divided public opinion. While some people agree with it given the extent of the problem of dog bites, others have questioned the effectiveness of simply relocating dogs to shelters, pointing out that Delhi lacks shelters to keep so many dogs.

Whether or not India has a stray dog problem, it certainly has a dog-counting problem. Getting that right could be key to making any policy, whether it is confining dogs or vaccinating them, effective.

The most recent nationwide stray dog count is the Livestock Census of 2019. In fact, reports show that the Delhi-specific dog census was conducted even earlier, in 2016. So, in 2025, policies are being framed using estimates of the dog population based on an outdated censuses. More importantly, an analysis of the 2019 Census itself raises several questions.

Take the case of Tamil Nadu. In 2019, there were 4.4 lakh stray dogs in the State. In the same year, according to data from the Integrated Disease Surveillance Platform, Tamil Nadu recorded 8.3 lakh dog bites **(Chart 1)**. In other words, that year, there were two dog bites for every stray dog in the State. Even allowing for the possibility of the same dog biting multiple people, the number of dog bites remains staggeringly high compared to the estimated dog population. In the case of Manipur, the 2019 Livestock Census recorded no stray dogs in the State. That data point alone is hard to fathom. Yet, that same year, Manipur reported around 5,500 dog bite cases. In Odisha, there were 17.3 lakh dogs in 2019. Odisha housed the second highest number of dogs among all the States. Yet, there were only 1.7 lakh bites that year in Odisha.

If the data is correct, then States such as Tamil Nadu – which suffer "severely" from dog bites with nearly 1,900 bites for every 1,000 dogs, as shown in **Chart 2** – could learn from States such as Odisha, which report only about 100 bites per 1,000 dogs. Such knowledge-sharing could help address the crisis. The fact that this has not happened clearly points to a data mismatch rather than ground reality. Since all dog bites will be reported by the victims due to fear of rabies, and since hospitals are required to record these cases, the data mismatch likely lies in dog population figures.

With the World Health Organization (WHO) estimating that 99% of human rabies cases are caused by the bite of infected dogs, India's National Action Plan for Dog-Mediated Rabies Elimination by 2030 had proposed strategic mass dog vaccination as the way forward in 2018. The plan had stated that vaccinating 70% of dogs and sustaining the effort for three years can eliminate rabies. The WHO also recognises this as a cost-effective strategy.

Evidence from a data-driven rabies elimination programme in Goa, published in the journal *Nature*, showed that vaccinating 70% of the State's dogs eliminated human rabies cases by 2019 and reduced monthly canine rabies cases by 92% **(Chart 3)**.

In fact, Goa recorded the highest number of dog bites per capita in 2019. As can be seen from **Chart 4,** there were 1,412 dog bites for every 1 lakh people in Goa in 2019, the highest among all the States.

The measure of the problem

The data for the charts were sourced from the Livestock Census-2019, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Some of the datasets were accessed through Dataful developed by Factly

Chart 1: Number of dog bites and stray dogs in each State in 2019

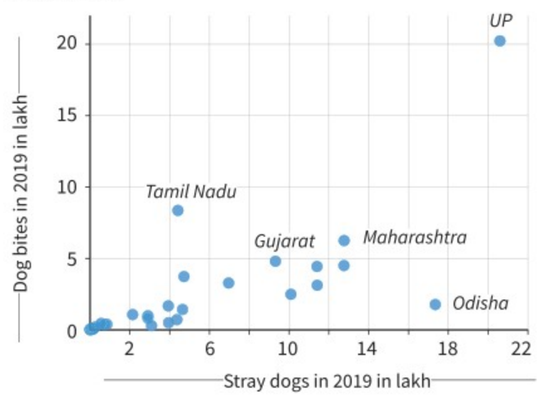


Chart 4: Number of stray dogs and dog bites for every 1 lakh people in each State in 2019

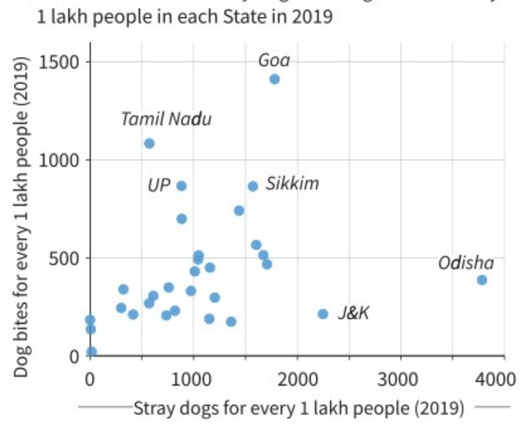


Chart 2: Number of dog bites for every 1,000 stray dogs in each State in 2019

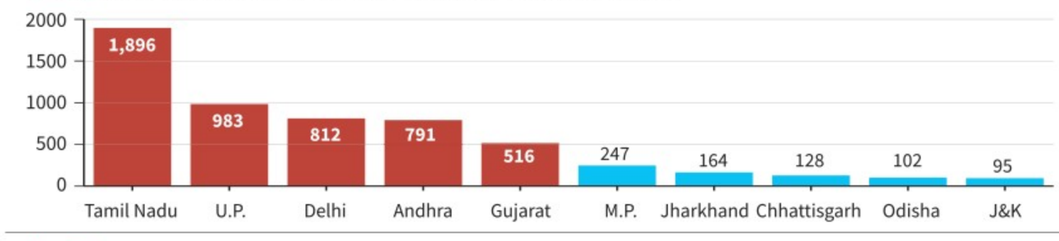
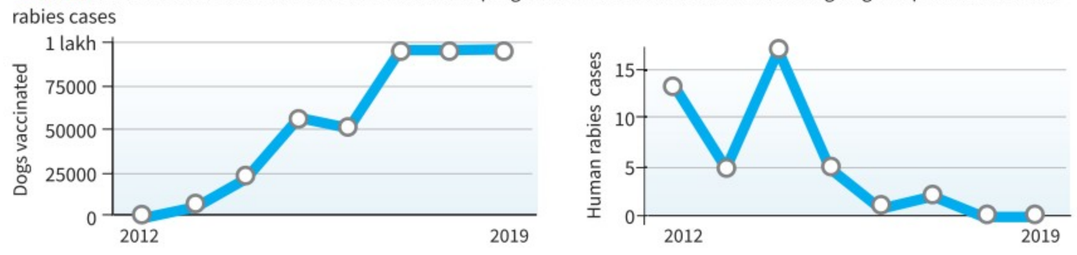


Chart 3: Results from a data-driven rabies elimination programme in Goa show that vaccinating dogs helps reduce human rabies cases



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 13, 1975

U.S. vetoes entry of Vietnam into United Nations

United Nations, Aug. 12: The United States yesterday blocked the admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations by vetoing a nine-nation resolution which recommended to the General Assembly to enrol them as its members. The U.S. was the sole country in the 15-nation Council to vote against the resolution.

Costa Rica which had earlier opposed the move changed its mind and abstained from voting.

The remaining 13 members of the Council including USSR, United Kingdom, France and China, supported the two admissions as had been proposed by the Membership Committee in its report to the Council.

The anticipated U.S. veto came at the end of a marathon debate in which India and several other non-aligned countries sought the Council floor to plead the case of the Vietnam States.

Mr. Rikhi Jaipal, India's permanent representative, appealed to the Council members, specially the countries enjoying veto powers, to base their decision exclusively on whether or not the applicant States fulfilled the conditions for admission established by the Charter and "not allow alien factors" to cloud their judgment. "We think they do and that they should, therefore, be admitted without question and without delay," he said.

The U.S. veto that bars the entry of North and South Vietnam into the UN indefinitely was a retaliatory action against the Security Council's refusal last week to entertain an application from South Korea for membership of the world body.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 13, 1925

Big diamond syndicate formed

London, Aug. 12: An agreement has been concinded for a powerful diamond combine which includes Barnarto Brothers, Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, Anglo-American Corporation, Dunkelsbuhler Company and De Beer's Premier Jaggersfontein Companies, under which the last three will sell the production of the combine for a number of years. Thus it is contended practically the entire output of the world will be dealt with by one syndicate in London.

From Page One

Retail inflation hits 8-year low of 1.55%

Vegetable and pulses inflation contracted 21% and 14% respectively, driven by a high base and falling prices.

Ms. Sinha added that the good progress of the monsoon, adequate reservoir levels, and strong *kharif* sowing bode well for agricultural output and food price stability.

Core inflation, which excludes the impact of food and fuel prices, also eased to 4.1% in July 2025 from 4.4% in the previous month, nearly at the RBI's target of 4%.

The other broad categories in the CPI saw little change from the previous month.

Dipanwita Mazumdar, an economist at the Bank of Baroda, said that a statistical high base will continue to keep the inflation rate down between September and December 2025.

Gross tax receipts dip 3.9% after rise in refunds

A downward slump
Data from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) shows a dip in direct tax collections. A lowdown:
Gross direct tax collections contracted 1.9% to ₹7.99 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26 up to August 11, 2025
Gross corporate taxes have increased marginally to ₹3.33 lakh crore so far this year
Non-corporate tax collections have fallen to ₹4.43 lakh crore in this financial year so far
TAX

Non-corporate tax collections are down 8.3% from the ₹4.83 lakh crore collected in the same period of 2024-25. This category includes taxes paid by individuals, Hindu Undivided Families, firms, Associations of Persons (AoPs), Bodies of Individuals (BoIs), local authorities, and artificial juridical persons.

Gross corporate taxes, on the other hand, have increased marginally to ₹3.33 lakh crore so far this year, up from ₹3.08 lakh crore collected in the same period of 2024-25.

Compounding the contraction in gross collections was the jump in refunds, which increased 9.8% during this period. Net direct tax collections amount to ₹6.64 lakh crore in 2025-26 so far, down from ₹6.91 lakh crore in the previous year.

EC ready to fix 'mistakes' in Bihar draft roll: SC

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the EC, said errors were bound to occur "here and there". "This is a draft roll. It can be corrected by the Booth Level Officers," he said. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who led the petitioners' side, said "in a small constituency, 12 people left out as dead were found alive".

While Mr. Dwivedi said the petitioners were more keen to be an "obstruction" and indulge in speculation, Justice Kant asked Mr. Sibal whether the petitioners wanted a "roving inquiry", and at whose behest. "If there are people genuinely aggrieved, please give a list of their names to us. We will take action," Justice Kant addressed Mr. Sibal.

Mr. Sibal said a larger part of the population of Bihar was poor and would have none of the documents sought by the EC for verification of citizenship in order to be included in the electoral roll.

Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi, also for the petitioners, submitted that many records would have been lost due to floods, migration or other reasons. Most of the population of Bihar do not have their documents in a digital form, he said.

"Determination of citizenship is not the role of EC. If crores of people in Bihar are already on the electoral roll, the poll body cannot ask them to produce documents to prove their citizenship again. This amounts to presumptive exclusion," Mr. Singhvi argued.

'Sweeping statements'

Mr. Sibal submitted that only 3.05% of people in Bihar had birth certificates, one of the 11 'indicative' documents required by the EC.

But Justice Kant dismissed the submission, saying, "Bihar is a part of India. If people in Bihar do not have these documents, other States would also not have... These are documents which show a person is a bona fide resident of a State. Once you show the documents, the burden will shift on the EC," Justice Kant observed. The judge urged Mr. Sibal not to make "sweeping statements".

Justice Kant further said 87% of Bihar had Aadhaar and Electors Photo Identity Cards. They could be used as proof, though not conclusive, of citizenship. The court said those who were part of the Bihar electoral roll in 2003, when the previous intensive revision happened, need not produce documents to be included in the current draft roll.

But Justice Kant did ask about the need for a Special Intensive Revision now when a summary revision of the Bihar electoral roll had happened in January 2025.

Activist Yogendra Yadav, who appeared in person, said SIRs across the world have been found to be counter-productive. He said whenever the onus to be included in the electoral roll shifts from the state to the citizens, a quarter of the population, mostly the marginal and the poor, tend to get excluded.

SC questions 'potentiality of abuse' of BNS Section 152

The Bench asks if risk of misuse of Section 152 of BNS is a reason to declare it unconstitutional; top court protects Siddharth Varadarajan and Foundation members from coercive police action

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked if "potentiality of abuse" by the state of Section 152 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which punishes "acts endangering sovereignty, unity and integrity of India", could be a ground to declare the law itself unconstitutional.

> Unless there is a clear threat to unity and sovereignty, the offence [of sedition] need not be attracted... For example, mere political dissent cannot endanger sovereignty
>
> SUPREME COURT

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi raised the question to senior advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, appearing for the Foundation of Independent Journalism and Siddharth Varadarajan, one of the founding editors of the online news portal *The Wire*, who is facing an FIR under Section 152 and other offences under the BNS at Morigaon Police Station, Assam, for the publication of a news article.

The petition submitted that the arrest of Mr. Varadarajan and/or others was "imminent".

The Bench protected Mr. Varadarajan and the members of the Foundation from any coercive action by the police.

It issued notice to the Union government and the State of Assam, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta.

Ms. Ramakrishnan argued that Section 152 of the BNS, though worded differently and avoiding the term 'sedition', was "in essence" the colonial sedition provision of Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Senior counsel submitted that Section 152 was vaguely worded, its ambiguity cloaking an immense capacity to chill free speech, especially of journalists.

Justice Bagchi agreed with Ms. Ramakrishnan that vagueness in a penal provision was a valid ground to challenge it.

Justice Bagchi said the top court's judgment in the Kedar Nath Singh case had clearly defined that sedition could not be invoked under Section 124A until there was clear proof that words or action had incited violence.

"The acts which come within Section 124A and Section 152, by way of comparative interpretation, would be covered by the ratio of the Kedar Nath Singh verdict that unless there is a clear threat to unity and sovereignty, the offence [of sedition] need not be attracted," Justice Bagchi observed.

Justice Kant said a general list of acts endangering sovereignty could not be prepared by the court; it would depend on a case by case basis. "For example, mere political dissent cannot endanger sovereignty," Justice Kant said.

Mr. Mehta asked whether a challenge to a provision could be used as a ground to gain anticipatory bail or seek the quashing of an FIR under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Justice Kant responded by asking Mr. Mehta whether custodial interrogation was necessary in the case of journalists.

Mr. Mehta replied that journalists could not be considered a "separate class" under the law.

36 years on, police search 8 locations in nurse's killing case

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Sarla Bhat

The Jammu and Kashmir Police's special cell, State Investigation Agency (SIA), on Tuesday conducted searches at eight locations in Srinagar to investigate the killing of a 27-year-old Kashmiri Pandit woman by militants in 1990.

An SIA spokesperson said "exhaustive searches were launched at eight locations in Srinagar as part of its ongoing investigation into a case". "These strategic searches have resulted in the recovery of some incriminating evidence, which will help in unearthing the whole terrorist conspiracy with an ultimate aim to deliver justice to the victim and her family," the SIA said.

The case pertains to the killing of a Kashmiri Pandit, Sarla Bhat, a nurse at SKIMS Soura, who was brutally killed by terrorists 36 years ago. The SIA has taken over the case registered under FIR No. 56/1990 at the Police Station Nigeen, Srinagar. However, there was no mention of rape of the nurse in the police statement.

Officials said Bhat was kidnapped on April 18, 1990, from Habba Khatoon Hostel of SKIMS Soura. The bullet-ridden body of the victim was later spotted the next day.

The searches were conducted on the residences of the members of banned Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), including its chief Yasin Malik and former member Javeed Mir.

The killing of Sarla Bhat was among the first few cases of murder that resulted in the migration of Kashmiri Pandits from the Valley.

Congress, Shiv Sena demand action against Israeli envoy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Shiv Sena (UBT) MP joined the Congress in condemning the Israeli Ambassador's sharply worded response to Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's social media post against the "genocide" in Palestine, and demanded appropriate action against the diplomat.

Ms. Vadra had posted on X on Tuesday that "the Israeli state is committing genocide".

Responding to the post, Reuven Azar, Israel's Ambassador to India, said, "What is shameful is your deceit. Israel killed 25,000 Hamas terrorists. The terrible cost in human lives derives from Hamas's heinous tactics of hiding behind civilians, their shooting of people trying to evacuate or receive assistance. Israel facilitated 2 million tonnes of food into Gaza. The Gaza population has grown by 450% in the last 50 years, no genocide there."

'Setting a pattern'

Sharing her own experience with a diplomat's negative comments, Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi expressed the hope that the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) would reprimand the Ambassador. "Earlier too, I had wanted to move a privilege motion against the Polish Ambassador (now former) for his tweet attack on me, but after a discussion with the Minister of External Affairs (MEA), I chose not to raise it. However, this is emboldening them to speak to Indian parliamentarians in this tone and tenor while in our own country. This is unacceptable," Ms. Chaturvedi said.

Congress communications chief Jairam Ramesh said that the party condemns the words used by Mr. Azar in response to the pain and anguish expressed by Ms. Vadra.

"It is too much to expect the Modi Govt to take serious objection to the Ambassador's response. We do and find it totally unacceptable," Mr. Ramesh said.

Port restriction on Bangladeshi jute to protect local industries: officials

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

The latest order is aimed at further tightening the import of jute, and products made from Bangladeshi jute. FILE PHOTO

A day after India imposed a fresh round of port restrictions on a range of jute products, officials here justified the move as necessary because Bangladesh's subsidies were "killing" local Indian industries.

The items listed in Monday's order by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) included bleached and unbleached woven fabrics of jute or of other textile fibre, twine cordage, rope made of jute, and sacks and bags of jute that have a large market in India. "Imports from Bangladesh shall not be allowed from any land port on the India-Bangladesh Border. However, it is allowed only through the Nhava Sheva seaport," the order issued by DGFT said.

"Bangladesh exporters were misdirecting goods under other HS (Harmonised System) codes. Export subsidies by the Bangladesh government in different names were killing local industries. Anti-dumping duty was being circumvented by clubbing it with other exports at volumes well above their production capacity," an official said.

Monday's order on jute is aimed at further tightening the import of jute, and products made from Bangladeshi jute. On June 27, India banned the entry of a certain range of jute items through land ports, leaving the Nhava Sheva port in Maharashtra open for the same items. That decision followed a May 17 declaration of port restriction by the DGFT targeting ready-made garments from Bangladesh.

The order also banned export by Bangladesh of fruits, fruit flavoured drinks, and processed food items (baked goods, snacks, chips, and confectionery); cotton and cotton yarn waste; plastic and PVC finished goods except pigments, dyes, plasticisers, and granules; and wooden furniture via the land ports of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, and Tripura. The same goods were also banned from entering India through the Land Customs Stations of Changrabandha and Fulbari.

Textiles and jute constitute two of the major areas of India-Bangladesh trade, and India's targeting of these items intensified against the backdrop of Bangladesh Chief Adviser Muhammed Yunus's visit to China in March, during which he described Bangladesh as the second largest ready-made garment manufacturer after China, and invited China to take advantage of Bangladesh's business potential.

Aadhaar, voter ID not proof of citizenship: Bombay HC

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday rejected the bail plea of Babu Abdul Ruf Sardar, accused of illegally entering India from Bangladesh and obtaining forged Indian identity documents, citing national security concerns, and the risk of absconding.

Passing the order, Justice Amit Borkar observed, "In my opinion, the Citizenship Act, 1955 is the main and controlling law for deciding questions about nationality in India today. Merely having documents such as an Aadhaar card, PAN card, or voter ID does not by itself make someone a citizen of India. These documents are meant for identification, but they do not override the basic legal requirements of citizenship as prescribed in the Act."

Filed plea against SC verdict to reduce IPS deputation in CAPFs, Minister informs LS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Despite the ruling, the Ministry continued to appoint IPS officers to senior posts.

The Government of India has filed a review petition against a Supreme Court ruling to "progressively reduce" the deputation of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs), the Lok Sabha was informed on Tuesday.

Responding to a question by Deepender Hooda (Congress) whether the Supreme Court, in its May 23 judgment, ruled in favour of granting Organized Group A Services (OGAS) status to CAPFs and if so, concrete steps had been taken to implement this order, Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said, "The government has filed a petition seeking review of the judgment which is presently *sub judice* and is pending adjudication before the Supreme Court."

The Hindu reported on May 23 that a Bench of Justices A.S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan ruled that the deputation posts of IPS officers in the Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) or up to the rank of Inspector General in CAPFs should be "progressively reduced over a period of time, say within an outer limit of two years". Justice Oka has since retired.

Despite the ruling, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) continued to appoint IPS officers to senior posts and since the day of the judgment, at least eight appointments of IPS officers in the rank of Commandant to Inspector Generals in the CAPFs were made.

'Role of BSF'

The Congress member also asked whether the government considered Border Security Force (BSF) as a civilian force rather than an armed force of the Union despite its combat roles and the steps taken by the government to restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) to these personnel, which was withdrawn in 2004.

The Minister replied, "Border Security Force is one of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for ensuring the security of the borders of India. The issue is presently *sub judice* and pending adjudication before the Supreme Court."

SC reserves ruling in ED action against advocates

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved for judgment a *suo motu* case concerning the summons issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to two senior advocates merely for giving professional advice to their client.

Appearing before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta agreed that no lawyer could be summoned for giving an opinion on a legal issue. However, Mr. Mehta said if a lawyer had participated in any act beyond his professional duty, amounting to an offence, the "same law which applies to others would apply to lawyers also".

The *suo motu* case was registered by the top court after Bar bodies, represented by senior advocate Vikas Singh and advocate Vipin Nair, objected to senior advocates being summoned by investigating agencies, including the ED, for offering legal advice to clients.

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Sowmiya

Committee on simultaneous elections Bills gets extension

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The parliamentary committee scrutinising the two Bills on implementing simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and Assemblies was on Tuesday granted an extension till the last week of the Winter Session.

The Lok Sabha passed a motion moved by P.P. Choudhary, Chairperson of the Joint Committee of Parliament, by a voice vote amid Opposition protests.

Parliament passes revised Income Tax Bill, 2025

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Parliament on Tuesday passed the new Income Tax Bill to replace the six-decade-old Income Tax Act, 1961, that will come into force from April 1, 2026.

The Income Tax Bill was piloted by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Bihar draft rolls are not helpful in finding new, existing voters

Nearly 64,000 applications filed for fresh registration of voters in Bihar since August 1, show data released by poll body; SC hears petitions challenging SIR exercise; EC tells court no names will be deleted from list without giving grounds of removal

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

Ten days after the publication of draft electoral rolls in Bihar, nearly 64,000 applications have been filed for fresh registration of voters, according to Election Commission data on Tuesday.

What is not clear though is that out of the 63,571 Form 6 applications filed, how many are first-time voters who have attained the age of 18 and how many are electors who had not filled the enumeration forms and were thus excluded from the draft rolls published on August 1.

What is Form 6?

Form 6 is the application for inclusion of names in electoral rolls.

Under Rule 13(a) of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1961 on "Form for claims and objections", "Every claim shall be in Form 6 and signed by the person desiring his name to be included in the roll". Thus, it is this form that new voters who have turned 18 or above use for registration on electoral rolls.

The Election Commission has told the top court that the list of deleted voters was provided to parties on the ground in Bihar. ANI

Political parties on the ground in Bihar have claimed that when unable to find their names on the draft rolls, people are approaching the registration officials concerned and are being directed to fill Form 6, which means that if a person has been voting for decades but is excluded from the draft list, then they will have to fill up Form 6 afresh. And when the new electoral rolls will be published, their name will be published in the new voter's column.

So, it will be nearly impossible to figure out how many genuinely new voters were added on the electoral rolls and how many were old voters, the parties felt.

Former EC's view

According to former Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa, this situation "can be because the exercise of special intensive revision in Bihar is being treated as a preparation of electoral rolls *de novo* and names not in draft rolls are not being treated as a case of deletion, but rather a case of application for inclusion".

"Thus, in the usual process of revision of rolls, a notice is served on the person whose name is deleted which is not considered necessary here by the EC as per their statement to the court. It is only after the publication of the final electoral rolls on September 25 that the DEOs would consider appeals against the decision of EROs and based on their decision, changes made in the electoral rolls will be separately reflected," he told *The Hindu*.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday heard a batch of petitions challenging the Bihar SIR exercise.

In the previous hearing, a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi cautioned the poll body that the court would "not hesitate to act" if the revised list reflected "mass exclusions".

The petitioners have criticised the SIR process as a form of "citizenship screening".

The electoral body also said that no names would be deleted from the draft list without specifying the grounds for removal.

'37 dead voters in draft list'

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

The Begusarai unit of the Congress in Bihar has submitted to poll officials a list of 37 deceased electors at one polling booth, whose names appear in the draft electoral rolls.

"We found the names of as many as 37 deceased voters at polling booth number 274 in the Teghra Assembly constituency of Begusarai district... There were several other anomalies such as the deletion of names of several genuine electors from the list," Akshay Kumar, who prepared the list along with social and political activist Prasenjit Bose, told *The Hindu* over telephone.

Govt. refrains from specifying valid IDs for citizenship

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Union Home Ministry informs Lok Sabha MP about Citizenship Act, 1955 and the rules governing it

The Union Home Ministry did not specify the "categories of valid documents" required for people to prove citizenship in India, while responding to a question in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Citizenship is governed by the Citizenship Act, 1955 and its rules, the Ministry said.

The special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is presently under way in Bihar, with birth certificates among the 11 documents listed by the Election Commission that can be furnished for inclusion in the voter rolls.

The Ministry was responding to a question by Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) member Sudama Prasad, who asked for the "details of categories of valid documents that are required for people to prove citizenship in India", and the "total number of birth certificates issued nationwide during the last 25 years and whether the Government received reports about low coverage of issuance of birth and death certificates vis-à-vis number of births and deaths by the State Government and the list of top 10 States".

"The citizenship of India is governed under the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955, and rules made thereunder," Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said in a written reply.

Without specifying the admissible documents, the reply said that citizenship "can be acquired by birth (Section 3), by descent (Section 4), by registration (Section 5), by naturalisation (Section 6) or by incorporation of territory (Section 7) of the Citizenship Act, 1955. The eligibility criteria for acquisition and determination of citizenship is as per the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955".

On August 5, the Ministry said the Citizenship Act requires the Centre to compulsorily register every Indian citizen and issue national ID cards to them.

'124-year-old' Minta Devi wants poll body to rectify age error

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Minta Devi of Siwan in Bihar, who became the face of the Opposition's protest against the Election Commission on Tuesday, said she was not aware that her age in the electoral roll was recorded as 124 years. She urged the poll panel to correct it.

Several Congress MPs, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, wore a T-shirt with Ms. Devi's face printed on it while protesting outside Parliament against the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls in the State. The Opposition leaders alleged voter fraud in various constituencies, and cited Ms. Devi's case to highlight "irregularities".

"I do not know what is going on in Parliament, but my date of birth mentioned in the Aadhaar card is July 15, 1990. I had given my Aadhaar to my brother-in-law who had applied online for the voter identity card two months ago," she said. The application was made in Siwan.

"However, when I received my voter card, I did not check it. It was only when the media met me that I saw my date of birth was printed as July 15, 1900. It is the mistake of the person who has issued the voter card," Ms. Devi said, adding that she has never voted before.

The Siwan District Magistrate's office issued a press statement saying the age shown in Ms. Devi's voter card was due to a "human error". The process of correction has already started, the statement said.

Rahul accuses Election Commission of not enforcing principle of 'one man, one vote'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Asserting that the Election Commission was not performing its duty of enforcing the principle of "one man, one vote", the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Tuesday hinted at exposing more alleged irregularities in the voters' list.

Speaking with reporters in the Parliament House complex, Mr. Gandhi said the Congress was engaged in protecting the Constitution and would continue to do so.

Asked about Minta Devi, a voter listed as 124 years old in the electoral rolls in Bihar, Mr. Gandhi said, "There are unlimited cases like that. *Abhi* picture *baaki hai* (the picture is not yet complete)."

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and other INDIA bloc members seen wearing T-shirts featuring Minta Devi, a voter in Bihar. PTI

"There is not just one seat [where there is vote theft], but there are a number of seats. This is being done at a national level and systematically. The EC knows it and we know it too," Mr. Gandhi said.

"Earlier, evidence was not there but now the evidence is there. We protect the Constitution. 'One man, one vote' is the foundation of the Constitution," he said.

Party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said there were several such cases in which fake addresses and names of relatives were used.

Earlier in the day, several MPs of the INDIA bloc parties held a protest in the Parliament House complex against the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls in Bihar, with many of them wearing white T-shirts that had the name and photo of the "124-year-old voter" emblazoned on them.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam leader T.R. Baalu, Nationalist Congress Party (SP)'s Supriya Sule, and other leaders protested outside the Makar Dwar of Parliament. The MPs held posters and raised slogans, demanding a rollback of the SIR exercise.

"Minta Devi is a first-time voter and she is 124 years old. The voters list carries her name as a first-time voter. We want a discussion on such issues. How EC has become a party to the BJP. The voter list is full of such fraud," Congress MP Manickam Tagore said.

Series of programmes

In the evening, after a meeting of Congress office-bearers under the chairmanship of Mr. Kharge, Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal announced a series of programmes under the banner of "Vote *Chor*, *Gaddi Chhod*" (Vote thief, vacate the seat).

The party will take out a candle light march in all districts at 8 p.m. on August 14, followed by "Vote *Chor*, *Gaddi Chhod*" rallies in all States between August 22 and September 7, and a nationwide signature campaign for a month from September 15 to collect five crore signatures.

Congress leaders start deliberations on V-P polls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and Congress general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal held a closed-door meeting on Tuesday, where they are said to have deliberated on the Opposition's choice for a candidate to contest the Vice-Presidential election.

However, there was no official word on what transpired in the meeting. Another round of meetings is likely in the next few days to finalise a name that will find a broad consensus among the INDIA bloc's constituents.

The Opposition plans to force a contest by fielding a candidate.

In anticipation of roll revision, Congress begins training of booth-level agents in Assam

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

With the BJP-led Assam government indicating that the State will soon be holding a special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, State Congress president Gaurav Gogoi said the party has begun the process of recruiting and training its booth-level agents (BLAs).

The SIR exercise is currently under way in Bihar, and the Election Commission (EC) has indicated that it will be held across the country.

"So far, we have registered close to 28,880 BLAs. We have also started a training programme for these agents. On Sunday, we concluded one round of training. At the end of the month, we will hold a week-long training programme. In the first module, we are briefing them

Gaurav Gogoi

on how voter list manipulation has been undertaken in Maharashtra and in Karnataka. We will show them the evidence that Rahul Gandhi's team had provided," Mr. Gogoi told *The Hindu*.

Legal team set up

The party is also preparing its legal team to support the BLAs to file objections and claims.

The SIR exercise in Assam, Mr. Gogoi said, will be particularly difficult because of the demographic complexities, which he accused the BJP government of complicating further.

'NRC in limbo'

"The NRC (National Register of Citizens) remains in limbo in Assam. The BJP government is not willing to address the issue of foreigners since they have no solutions to offer. Instead with the Citizenship Amendment Act, they have issued guidelines by which several Bengali-speaking people have to give a written affidavit that they are from Bangladesh to apply under the Act," he said.

Instead of identifying illegal Bangladeshis as Prime Minister Narendra Modi had claimed, Mr. Gogoi pointed out that Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma had said he was unable to address the issue.

Amid Opposition protests, two Bills passed in Lok Sabha

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Amid repeated adjournments, the Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Mines and Minerals Bill and the Indian Ports Bill. The government also introduced another legislation to amend the law on insolvency and bankruptcy.

The proceedings of the Lower House were repeatedly disrupted as the Opposition continued its protest against the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, raising slogans and at one point even hurling torn papers at the Chair.

Condemning the behaviour, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Opposition had insulted the Chair and lowered the dignity of the House.

The House passed the Indian Ports Bill, 2025 amid the din. The Bill seeks to set up and empower State Maritime Boards for the effective management of non-major ports, and will also establish the Maritime State Development Council to foster the structured growth and development of the port sector.

The House was adjourned following the passage of this Bill. When it reassembled, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2025 was passed by a voice vote after a brief discussion, even as the Opposition continued its protests. The Bill seeks to widen the scope and territorial domain of the National Mineral Exploration Trust to enable the use of the funds accrued to it within India, including offshore areas, and outside India for the exploration and development of mines and minerals.

BJP reaches out to Chirag Paswan, asks him to tone down criticism of Nitish govt.

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

In an effort to prevent history from repeating itself, the senior leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has been at pains to ensure that Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) leader and Union Minister Chirag Paswan refrains from making critical remarks against the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar. However, it has so far seen mixed results.

According to a senior national office-bearer of the BJP, Mr. Paswan has been asked to tone down his criticism of the State government, particularly following his remarks on a series of murders in Bihar.

The remarks did not go down well with Mr. Kumar's party, the Janata Dal (U), which fears that Mr. Paswan might end up splitting NDA votes, as in the 2020 Assembly election. According to an estimate by the JD(U), the party lost at least 12 seats because Mr. Paswan, after breaking away from the NDA, fielded candidates against the JD(U) who made inroads into the NDA votes.

Chirag Paswan

"We have conveyed to Chirag Paswan that he is on a good wicket, he has age, and a significant support base on his side, he should pull together with NDA, there is no need to be isolated within the alliance," a BJP leader said.

Mr. Paswan, who often refers to himself as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hanuman, or disciple, has never hidden either his antipathy towards Mr. Kumar or his own ambitions. His party's MP Arun Bharti (also Mr. Paswan's brother-in-law) had, in an interview to *The Hindu*, said that Mr. Paswan was a "Bahujan leader and LJP(RV) is a Bahujan party", signalling Mr. Paswan's intentions of casting his net wider in terms of communities other than his own Dalit constituency.

Recently, Mr. Paswan's absence from a meeting presided over by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Sitamarhi raised eyebrows. "We will be reaching out to him again," said a senior BJP leader.

INBRIEF

Blanket removal of stray dogs is cruel: Rahul on SC order

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the Supreme Court directive to remove all stray dogs from Delhi-NCR is a step back from decades of humane, science-backed policy. The court noted that there was an "extremely grim" situation due to stray dog bites resulting in rabies. "Shelters, sterilisation, vaccination and community care can keep streets safe – without cruelty. Blanket removals are cruel, shortsighted, and strip us of compassion," Mr. Gandhi said. PTI

India produces 239.3 million tonnes of milk, says Centre

Uttar Pradesh is the largest milk producer in the country, followed by Rajasthan, according to a reply tabled in Lok Sabha on Tuesday by Union Minister of State, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying S.P. Singh Baghel. The country's total milk production in 2023-24 was 239.3 million tonnes. As much as 53.12% of the total milk produced was contributed by cows, while buffaloes' share was 43.62%.

Cabinet gives approval for four semiconductor plants

The projects, which will come up in Odisha, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh, will have a cumulative value of ₹4,594 crore, and are being supported by the ₹76,000-crore India Semiconductor Mission

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

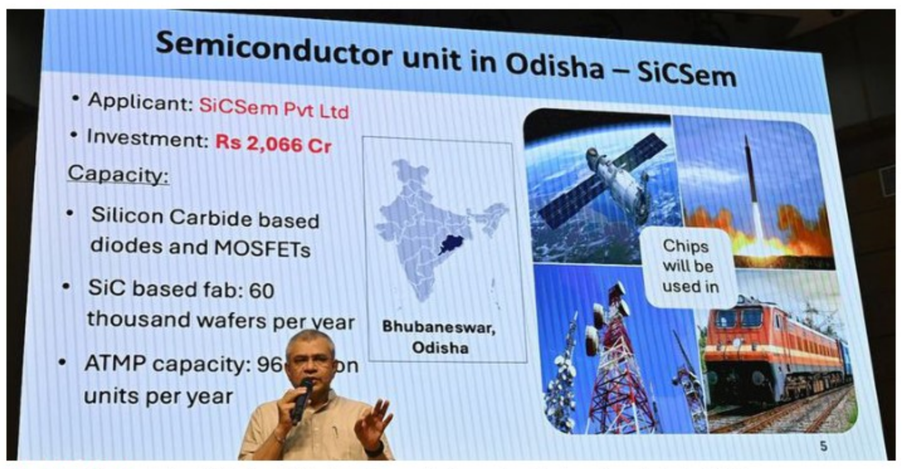
The Union Cabinet on Tuesday approved four projects under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM). Two of the projects will be in Bhubaneswar in Odisha, and one each will be in Punjab and Andhra Pradesh.

The cumulative value of the projects is ₹4,594 crore. This brings the number of projects under the ₹76,000-crore mission, which provides financial support to semiconductor units, to 10.

The first chip from one of the previous six units – some are competing, so it's not clear which – is expected to be rolled out by the end of the year.

The firms behind the four new projects are SiCSem (which will make a silicon carbide integrated facility in Info Valley, Bhubaneswar); Continental Device India Private Limited, which will expand its existing "discrete semiconductor manufacturing facility" in Mohali; 3D Glass Solutions Inc., which will set up a "vertically integrated advanced packaging and embedded glass substrate unit" in Bhubaneswar; and Advanced System in Package (ASIP) Technologies, which will set up a semiconductor unit in Andhra Pradesh, with the location yet to be chosen.

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said that having the capacity to work on silicon carbide technology, an "evolving" field, was strategically important for India. "IIT Bhubaneswar already has a ₹45 crore investment in a silicon carbide research unit, and the results have been very good," he added.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Evolving field: Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw announces the Cabinet decisions in New Delhi on Tuesday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Owners of end-of-life vehicles in Delhi get relief from top court

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The court, with this interim order, stalls an October 2018 ban imposed by it on plying such vehicles

The Supreme Court on Tuesday barred police and other authorities from taking any coercive action against owners plying petrol vehicles aged over 15 years and diesel ones more than 10 years old in the Delhi National Capital Region, spelling relief to commuters.

A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, with this interim order, effectively stalled an October 2018 ban imposed by the top court on plying vehicles which had crossed the age limits.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Delhi government, said the ban operated for private owners while the same vehicle could be used for commercial purposes beyond the 10-year threshold. Mr. Mehta urged for a stay of the 2018 ban order to prevent the police from seizing them.

"Over the course of the last seven years, the ban on plying these vehicles, though undoubtedly salutary in aim, was observed to have caused numerous practical hardships to the citizens of Delhi," Ms. Bhati said.

Advocate Charu Mathur took up the case of a senior citizen who would be forced to sell his car at scrap value, and would never be able to buy another.

Ms. Bhati, for the Delhi government, urged the court to direct the Union government or the Commission on Air Quality Management to carry out a "broad-based, scientific study on the need for continuance of a complete ban".

IAF prioritises induction of long-range missiles after Operation Sindoor success

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Following the successful use of long-range stand-off weapons during Operation Sindoor, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is now prioritising the induction of air-to-ground and air-to-air missiles with strike ranges exceeding 200 km.

This shift is aimed at enhancing India's ability to engage targets from safer distances, beyond the reach of enemy air defence systems.

During the operation, the IAF employed advanced long-range weapons such as the BrahMos, SCALP, Rampage, and Crystal Maze missiles – each capable of striking targets well beyond 200 km. These systems enabled the IAF to neutralise enemy air bases and strategic assets from stand-off ranges of 250 km to 450 km, effectively bypassing Chinese HQ-9 air defence systems.

Building on this operational success, the IAF has requested the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to accelerate the development of longer-range variants of the Astra missile, India's indigenous air-to-air missile system. The IAF has also shown strong interest in acquiring the Russian R-37 missile, known for its impressive range of over 200 km, which could provide a significant tactical edge against both western and northern adversaries.

The IAF is also pressing for rapid progress on Project Kusha, an indigenous initiative led by DRDO to develop a long-range air defence missile system. At the same time, plans are under way to procure at least two additional squadrons of the Russian S-400 Triumf surface-to-air missile system, depending on the availability and capacity of the manufacturer.

Highlighting its growing capabilities, the IAF recently set a record by shooting down a surveillance aircraft at a distance of over 300 km. The deployment of the S-400 systems has already had a deterrent effect, forcing the Pakistani Air Force to alter its flight paths – either staying deep within its territory or flying at low altitudes to avoid detection and targeting.

During Operation Sindoor, the IAF used long-range weapons such as BrahMos, SCALP, Rampage, and Crystal Maze missiles. FILE PHOTO

ICMR set to monitor wastewater for 10 viruses in 50 cities

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) will initiate wastewater surveillance for 10 viruses across 50 cities, a major jump from the five cities that are currently monitored. The move is aimed at identifying any increase in virus growth trend at the earliest, ICMR head Rajiv Bahl has said.

"The next six months will see the scaling up of surveillance across India which will enable us to pick up any rise in virus load in the community. Currently, the COVID-19 virus and polio virus are under surveillance," explained Dr. Bahl.

The ICMR is involved in establishing environmental surveillance for viruses, including avian influenza virus (AIV), by monitoring surface water and wastewater, particularly in areas with outbreaks, to establish an early warning system.

India also has a robust surveillance system for influenza-like illness (ILI) and severe acute respiratory illness (SARI).

Dr. Bahl added that antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance is already being conducted at several hospitals across the country.

"AMR is the ability of microorganisms – bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites to evolve and resist the effects of medications designed to kill or inhibit their growth. This resistance renders treatments ineffective, leading to longer periods of illnesses, higher costs, and increased mortality," said Dr. Bahl.

Scaling up surveillance can help identify any increase in viral load in wastewater.

Panel questions 'perpetual' highway tolls, demands removal after cost recovery

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Tolls on National Highways continuing in perpetuity should be reduced or scrapped once capital and maintenance costs are recovered, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) recommended in its report tabled before Parliament on Tuesday. It also proposed a tariff authority for toll determination to ensure fairness.

The PAC, under the chairmanship of Congress MP K.C. Venugopal, has proposed a technology-driven and transparent mechanism for automatic toll refund or waiver when highways are under maintenance or unfit.

"The committee desires that toll collection on any highway stretch must be rationalised and substantially reduced once capital and routine maintenance costs have been recovered. Any continuation of tolls beyond this point should be permitted only if clearly justified and approved by the proposed independent oversight authority," the report said. Such a mechanism will safeguard user interest and uphold the principle of equity in public infrastructure usage, it added.

The concept of perpetual toll collection began with a 2008 amendment allowing toll collection to continue even after project costs have been recovered. This was further formalised in the 2023 fee rules amendment, which explicitly permits tolling beyond the concession period.

After a Build Operate Toll project's concession ends, the asset is transferred to the National Highways Authority of India and is operated as a publicly funded toll plaza, with revenues going to the Consolidated Fund of India.

FASTag use

On FASTag, the committee said though their adoption had been widespread, there was still congestion on highways because of failed readings by scanners at toll plazas. It recommended on-site facilities for users to recharge, purchase, or replace FASTags. It said effective toll management must also include real-time monitoring and data-driven decisions.

Fair usage: The panel proposed a tariff authority for toll determination to ensure fairness. G. MOORTHY

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(set by KrisKross)

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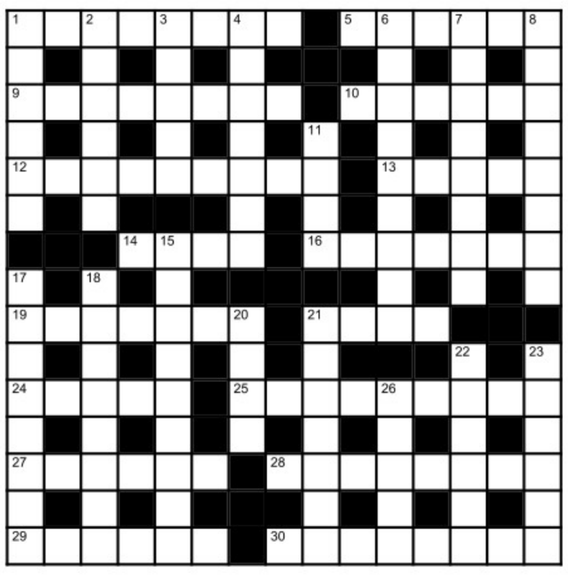
SCAN TO PLAY



Across

1 Class in college translated Tagore story in the end (8)
5 Losing initial momentum, batsmen playing and missing (6)
9 Very large chunk of stollen or mousse (8)
10 Today, simply change (6)
12 What a rustler may do to assess the situation (4,5)
13 To sum up, exhausted after exchange of words (2,3)
14 Unfortunately, healthy food mostly rejected (4)
16 Bumpy ground around lake (7)
19 Say, a clarinet missing note wrongly (7)
21 Bouquet picked up and mailed (4)
24 Weapon with tip broken - look! (5)
25 Juicy cryptic clue: "For starters, cashew nuts" (9)
27 Bit of light soup, not crackers (6)
28 Pieces of paper scattered often in traditional celebrations, principally (8)
29 Can't stand? Do exercises for beginners - try! (6)
30 Dirty tea-set broken by that man - one sensitive to taste (8)

Down

1 Does Switzerland have the ultimate in chocolates? (6)
2 Soldiers wearing uniform reversing a vehicle (6)
3 Group activities making everyone sweat primarily? (5)
4 Screeching on the telephone, make you and I startled (7)
6 Invalid ordered to eat red bananas (9)
7 After due suffering, guy is fit to be trained (8)
8 Protecting old King Lear, going mad at end of play (8)
11 Hide second family (4)
15 He's cruel, evil, without love, wanton (9)
17 Ran quickly following good hit.. Wicket lost! (8)
18 Small function to implement, basically using tables in Excel (5,3)
20 Crossing borders, stopped for rest (4)
21 Most angry, cutting charge for sugar (7)
22 Live telecast project! (6)
23 Fight in East River (6)
26 Sick fellow in army division (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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3	2	4	9	8	6	5	1	7
8	1	6	5	4	7	2	9	3
5	7	9	2	3	1	8	4	6
4	8	1	7	9	5	6	3	2
9	5	2	4	6	3	1	7	8
7	6	3	1	2	8	9	5	4

FAITH

Grand Guruvayur Krishna

Narayaneeyam is a stotra composed by Narayana Bhattathiri. Not everyone remains good constantly. God alone has that unique trait, which is why He is celebrated by staunch devotees such as Bhattathiri, said B. Damodhara Deekshithar.

We love to listen to scriptural discourses because we believe that God will come to our aid, as He has done for countless others. It is not possible to see God, only experience Him. Why so? The first sloka of Narayaneeyam offers an answer. The Supreme Reality, the Brahma Tatwa, which is not easy to grasp in the beginning, (we cannot see this God through our human eyes), but the realisation of which is the highest purushartha, shines right in (concrete form) as Sri Krishna at the Guruvayur temple. Wonderful indeed is the good fortune of those who seek His Grace, says Bhattathiri. If God chooses, He will appear to His true devotee, as He did to Arjuna.

One may wonder why if He is the Brahma Tatwa, the deity at Guruvayur has such a defined form: glistening like sunrise, with long eyes, reeking of kindness, neck adorned with garlands and necklaces, with Mahalakshmi gracing His chest. This form of the idol is said to have been in worship and when Krishna was ready to depart, He instructed Guru and Vayu to carry the idol and install it at a sacred spot. As they journeyed with the idol, Lord Siva, whose form was installed at the very place where Sri Krishna now stands in Guruvayur, instructed Guru and Vayu to leave the idol there as it was the purest place He Himself decided to move His sojourn a few metres away, in order to help devotees pray to Krishna in peace.

INBRIEF

Paytm secures payment aggregator licence from RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted in-principle approval to Paytm Payments Services Ltd. (PPSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of One 97 Communications Ltd. (OCL) for a Payment Aggregator (PA) licence. "We would like to inform you Reserve Bank of India has granted 'in-principle' authorisation to PPSL vide its letter dated August 12 to operate as an Online Payment Aggregator under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007," OCL said in a filing.

Jawa unveils Yezdi Roadster priced at ₹2.09 lakh

Jawa unveiled its Yezdi Roadster motorcycle at an ex-showroom price of ₹2.09 lakh in Delhi. The motorcycle is the 12th product across three brands. Of the five launches planned for FY26, four have already been done, said Anupam Thareja, co-founder of Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles. The 350 cc motorcycle is part of Jawa Yezdi's attempt to review premium legacy bike brands. On tariffs, he said 5,000 units were stuck in customs as an outcome of the U.S. tariff action.

State-owned NMDC Q1 net increases a tad to ₹1,967 crore

State-owned miner NMDC reported a marginal increase in the consolidated net profit for the June quarter to ₹1,967.46 crore against ₹1,963.35 crore in the corresponding period of previous fiscal. The total income of the company, which is India's largest iron-ore producer, increased nearly 22% to ₹7,038.97 crore (from ₹5,779.07 crore last year). For the quarter ended March, NMDC had posted a net profit of ₹1,483.18 crore and total income of ₹7,497.17 crore.

Govt. fails to transfer ₹3.69 lakh-cr. cess to designated funds: CAG

The bulk of the short allocations date back to 1974 but others are more recent, the data from the Comptroller and Auditor General shows

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

As of 2023-24, the Centre had failed to transfer ₹3.69 lakh crore worth cess collections to the relevant funds for which they were levied, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) found.

In its report tabled in Parliament, the CAG found shortfalls in transfers to funds created for investor education and protection, monetisation of national highways, development of oil industry and health and education in the country.

Money matters: The single-largest source of shortfall in transfers was to do with the Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB).

Gas/oil cess

The single-largest source of this shortfall in transfers was to do with the Oil Industry Development Board (OIDB). The Oil Industry (Development) Act, 1974 had provided for the setting up of the OIDB for the development of the oil industry. For that purpose, a cess was imposed on crude oil and natural gas.

"We found since FY1974-75 to FY2023-24, total cess on crude oil collected by the Government was ₹2,94,850.56 crore (including ₹18,845.98 crore during FY 2023-24," the CAG said, and "since FY 1974-75 to FY 1991-92, only ₹902.40 crore has been transferred to the OIDB and thereafter no funds have been transferred."

An analysis by *The Hindu* of the government's budget documents showed it transferred ₹17,730 crore in 2024-25 and budgeted a transfer of ₹19,376 crore in 2025-26 to the fund.

The other large cess collected but not adequately transferred to the relevant fund was the Health and Education Cess. The Government had imposed an Education Cess at 2% with effect from April 1, 2004.

Health & education cess

In 2007, the Government levied an additional Secondary and Higher Education cess of 1% on income tax and surcharge. From April 1, 2018, the levies were replaced with a single 4% Health and Education Cess. The CAG found the Centre did not transfer a total of ₹37,537 crore collected as cess from 2018-19 to 2023-24 to the education and health funds.

In its reply, the Finance Ministry said between 2018-19 and 2023-24, it transferred ₹3.66 lakh crore to the designated funds, which was in excess of what it had collected from the relevant levies during that time.

Need to reconcile

However, the CAG pointed out Government accounts showed transfer to the funds at ₹2.65 lakh crore.

"This needs to be reconciled by the Ministry," it added. Other funds where there was shortfall were Investor Education and Protection Fund (₹2,505.5 crore) and Monetisation of National Highways Fund (₹5,968.1 crore).

'Global gold prices likely to double if dollar is devalued'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

International spot gold prices may touch $7,000 an ounce by 2030 in the event of a dollar devaluation, said Anindya Banerjee, head, currency and commodities, Kotak Securities. This is a little over twice the current price of about $3,400 an ounce.

"The United States is trying to morph from the world's consumer of last resort into a net producer. That pivot requires a cheaper currency and smaller capital inflows —outcomes that are bullish for real assets and especially gold," said Mr. Banerjee.

A cheaper dollar may be achieved even as an outcome of policies such as immigration control and tariffs, among others, to achieve a zero-trade deficit, he pointed out.

U.S. President Donald Trump, during a recent interaction with the American media, said "you make a hell of a lot more money with a weaker dollar. When you have a strong dollar, you can't sell anything. It's only good for inflation, and it's good psychologically." The American government is reportedly mooting the idea of devaluing the dollar to shore up exports and cut the trade deficit, the immediate consequence of which would be a surge in international gold prices, analysts say.

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'Unlikely' move

An active devaluation might be unlikely because that might reduce dollar's status as a reserve currency, said Maneesh Sharma, AVP of commodities and currencies, Anand Rathi Shares and Stock Brokers.

He, however, said even without a planned devaluation, a cheaper dollar, which is the outcome of tariffs and trade controls, would invariably lead to a surge in gold prices.

Safe-haven demand

"There could be a possibility that gold could now act as a hedge against inflation and also the safe-haven demand would come back probably in the last quarter of the year or the first half of the next year. So, that would propel gold to a new high in that period. We are looking at about $3,800 to $3,850 per ounce in the international spot market," he said, adding a price of more than $4,000 could be a "very well achievable," in the next one to two years, considering an economic slowdown and inflation trajectory in the U.S. as an outcome of tariffs.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	80,236	-0.46
US Dollar	87.63	0.14
Gold	1,01,520	-0.98
Brent oil	66.58	-0.15

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2288.20	4.80
Adani Ports	1330.50	-8.90
Apollo Hosp	7236.50	-22.50
Asian Paints	2478.30	-10.80
Axis Bank	1070.00	-3.30
Bajaj Auto	8196.50	-78.50
Bajaj Finserv	1908.00	-14.80
Bajaj Finance	853.00	-24.80
Bharat Elec	380.35	-3.55
Bharti Airtel	1850.30	-7.10
Cipla	1521.60	16.80
Coal India	385.35	2.85
Dr Reddys Lab	1220.30	0.80
Eicher Motors	5658.00	-13.50
Eternal Ltd.	305.90	-3.50
Grasim Ind	2740.40	-18.50
HCL Tech	1499.10	11.10
HDFC Bank	1969.90	-25.70
HDFC Life	766.20	1.45
Hero MotoCorp	4645.20	83.00
Hindalco	667.05	-5.80
Hind Unilever	2483.80	-34.60
ICICI Bank	1422.00	-14.60
IndusInd Bank	783.05	-0.20
Infosys	1424.10	-4.10
ITC	416.35	-0.50
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	327.00	-0.75
JSW Steel	1048.20	-4.50
Kotak Bank	1959.00	-16.90
L&T	3686.10	17.70
M&M	3236.50	50.30
Maruti Suzuki	12840.00	243.00
NestleIndia	1091.10	-13.90
NTPC	340.10	3.95
ONGC	235.52	1.73
PowerGrid Corp	284.65	-0.20
Reliance Ind	1380.40	-5.80
SBI Life	1838.00	-13.00
State Bank	820.60	-2.85
Shriram Finance Ltd.	611.90	-5.70
Sun Pharma	1622.20	13.80
TataConsumerProduct	1046.80	-12.30
Tata Motors	654.10	0.35
Tata Steel	160.16	1.64
TCS	3035.40	-5.40
Tech Mahindra	1509.30	28.20
Titan	3486.80	18.90
Trent Ltd.	5365.50	-78.00
UltraTech Cement	12449.00	44.00
Wipro	241.72	0.10

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 12

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	87.51	87.83
Euro	101.59	101.97
British Pound	117.75	118.19
Japanese Yen (100)	58.94	59.16
Chinese Yuan	12.17	12.22
Swiss Franc	107.89	108.30
Singapore Dollar	68.01	68.28
Canadian Dollar	63.44	63.67
Malaysian Ringitt	20.68	20.77
Australian Dollar	56.77	56.98

Source:Indian Bank

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No. JIP/Admn.4(FW)/Rectt./2025 Dated: 13.08.2025

REVISED-NOTIFICATION
Recruitment of faculty posts on regular basis

Ref: 1. JIP/Admn.4(FW)/1(14)/Rectt./2024 dt. 16.10.2024
2. JIP/Admn.4(FW)/1(14)/Rectt./2024-II dt. 18.05.2025

Applications are invited from eligible applicants for the posts of **Professor** and **Assistant Professor on regular basis** as under.

The applicants who had applied earlier in response to the advertisement notifications cited at reference (1) and (2) ***need not apply again.*** However, ***he/she must update his/her online application submitted earlier*** and must send the soft copy and hard copy of the updated application as per the details mentioned in the detailed advertisement on the institute's website.

JIPMER campus	Number of vacancies		Total
	Professor (Level-14A)	Assistant Professor (Level-12)	
Puducherry	33	42	75
Karaikal	03	20	23
Total	36	62	98

Link to APPLY ONLINE will be live from 29/08/2025. The **last date** for submission of online application is **18/09/2025,** Thursday by 4:30 PM. For further details, refer to the institute's website https://www.jipmer.edu.in

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क्रमांक:- 1485 **निविदा संशोधन सूचना संख्या- 04/2025-26** दिनांक:- 02/08/2025

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 450 दिनांक 13.05.2025 द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 04/2025-26 में निम्नलिखित (कुल सात) कार्यों की निविदाऐ अब **19.08.2025** को अपरान्ह 3.00 **बजे तक बेची** जाकर दिनांक **20.08.2025** को अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे खोली जायेगी। जो **राज्य की उपायन पोर्टल** (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) एवं **विभागीय वेबसाईट http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in. पर देखे जा सकते हैं।**
निविदा की शेष शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

S.no	UBN	S.no	UBN
2	PWD2526WLOB01749	7	PWD2526WLOB01688
3	PWD2526WLOB01861	8	PWD2526WLOB01689
5	PWD2526WLOB01686	9	PWD2526WLOB01691
6	PWD2526WLOB01687		

अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग द्वितीय, जयपुर
DIPR/C/11287/2025

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd Block, Bengaluru-560011

No.: EEP(S)/kppp/e-portal/05/2025-26 Date: 12.08.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through GOK kppp Portal only) Two Cover System

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of Work
1	Additional development work for Kanakanayaka Mandira Building and Development of Kanakanayaka Park in Jayanagara New Ward No. 163 (old w.no. 153) Chikkapete Assembly Constituency. **Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakh):** 500.00, **EMD Amount in Rs:** Rs. 7.50 Lakhs (Rs. 1.00 Lakh - through e-portal and Rs. 6.50 Lakhs through BG).

Calender of events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** portal of the Government of Karnataka. **(2)** Pre bid meeting will be held at the Office of the Executive Engineer (Project South) **18.08.2025** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **4:30 p.m.** on **28.08.2025** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. **(4)** Technical bid opening date: **30.08.2025** at **4:30 p.m. (5)** Financial bid opening date: **02.09.2025** at **4:00 p.m.** or after Technical bid approval. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि., संभाग द्वितीय उदयपुर मु. बाँसवाड़ा
क्रमांक डी- 294 **निविदा सूचना संख्या 05/2025-26** दिनांक: 30.07.2025
NIB Code:- PWD2526A2345

सड़क निर्माण कार्य हेतु इच्छुक संवेदको से ऑनलाईन माध्यम से दिनांक 25.08.2025, सायं 06:00 बजे तक निविदा आंमत्रित की जाती है। निविदा का अन्य विवरण वेबसाईट (**http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** और **http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) पर देखा जा सकता है। उपापन की कुल अनुमानित लागत राशि रु. Rs. 763.00 लाख है।
UBN- PWD2526WLOB08608

(बी.एल. भेणिया)
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सा.नि.वि. संभाग द्वितीय उदयपुर, मुख्यालय बाँसवाड़ा
DIPR/C/11147/2025

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER PWD ZONE KOTA
No. 1586 Date 01.08.2025

NIT No. 22/2025-26
Notice Inviting Bid
NIB No. PWD2526A2362

Bids for **Budget Announcemnet Year 2025-26 in Kota/Bundi/Baran District & Important Works in Kota District PWD Zone Kota** are invited **Road work** from interested bidders **upto 6.00 pm, 26.08.2025.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the **Rajasthan** and **http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in** website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 6793.98 lacs. (15 works)**

1. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08700
2. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08701
3. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08702
4. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08703
5. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08704
6. UBN No. PWD2526WLOB08705
7. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08706
8. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08708
9. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08708
10. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08709
11. UBN No. PWD2526WLOB08710
12. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08711
13. UBN No. PWD2526WLOB08712
14. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08713
15. UBN No. PWD2526WSOB08714

Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone Kota
DIPR/C/11188/2025

KANNUR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
E-tenders are invited by Managing Director for the below mentioned work

Tender Id : 2025_KIAL_783799_1
Name of Work : O&M of Electrical Installations at 33kV Main Receiving Station (MRS), 11 kV DG Yard, Air Traffic Control (ATC) building and allied works at Kannur International Airport Ltd (KIAL).
Bid submission last date : 01/09/2025
For full details of tenders, please visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in. Future addendum / corrigendum etc. will be published in this website only
Sd/- Managing Director

ANDHRA PRADESH POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
Paryavaran Bhavan, Near APIIC Housing Colony, Autonagar, Vijayawada-520007
☎ 0866-2463200, Website: pcb.ap.gov.in
Date: 13.08.2025
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Tender No. APPCB-12028/1/2019-SS-CL-APPCB Date: 13.08.2025

Bids are invited through e-Procurement portal for supply of ambient air quality monitoring equipment (Respirable Dust PM10 samplers & Fine Particulate PM2.5 samplers). The tender document along with the schedule can be downloaded from **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** & also available on APPCB website **www.pcb.ap.gov.in** w.e.f **13.08.2025** by **10.30 AM.**
The last date for submission of bids: **25.08.2025 by 05.00 pm.**
For details, contact: **9177303326.**
Sd/- MEMBER SECRETARY
APPCB, VIJAYAWADA

No.4007/PH/DB-WW/2025-26
GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
Puducherry, the 12-08-2025

e-TENDERING NOTICE INVITING BID BY EPC MODE
e-Tender No.20/PHD/2025-26

On behalf of the President of India, e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Health Division, PWD, Puducherry for the following works:

1. **Main-work :**Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of brackish water desalination plant at tubewell sites in Puducherry.
Sub-work: Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of brackish water desalination plant (BWDP) at Sithanandasamy Koil PS-V, Puducherry under EPC mode. Estimate cost Rs.3,85,00,000/- EMD Rs.8,10,000/-
2. **Main-work:** Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of brackish water desalination plant at tubewell sites in Puducherry.
Sub-work: Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of brackish water desalination plant (BWDP) at Brindavanam PS Campus, Puducherry under EPC mode. Estimate cost Rs.3,85,00,000/- EMD Rs.8,10,000/-

Availability of NIT on website and remittance of EMD from 10.00 A.M on 12.08.2025 to 04.00 P.M on 28.08.2025

The detailed procedure is available in the Tender Notice which can be downloaded along with the NIT from the **website https://pudutenders.gov.in** only by those eligible Tenders who are having Digital Signature Certificate.

No.325/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26 **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHD**

APPOINTMENT

V.O.Chidambaranar Port Authority
General Administration Department, Tuticorin
(An Autonomous Body under MoPSW, GoI)
GAD-EST10ESTC/3/2025-GAD(7392)/D. Date:13.08.2025

V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority invites applications for the following Positions:-
Engagement of Associate Consultants and Professional Interns on contractual basis:

Category	Professional Area	No. of positions	Monthly Remuneration
Associate Consultant	Finance	4	Rs. 50,000
Professional Intern	Business Development, Commercial & Marketing	4	Rs. 30,000

For details regarding upper age limit, educational qualifications, etc., visit VOC Ports' website at www.vocport.gov.in (careers). Last date for the receipt of applications is **28.08.2025.**

Sd/- 13.08.2025
Secretary

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
MARKETING DEPARTMENT **e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

e-Tenders are invited for procurement and supply of the items (1) 4,00,000 Bundles of Leaf Cups (Small), (2) 9,500 Kgs of Almonds, (3) 2,08,000 pairs of Biodegradable Compostable Gloves, (4) 3,30,000 Nos of Laminated dye leaf plates (Buffet plates) to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams,. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the web site **http://www.tirumala.org** and **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.** For further details contact phone numbers: **0877-2264079, 2264555, FAX No: 0877-2264554.**

TTD-40021/10/2025-PRO SEC (Adv.No.169), Date:12-08-2025 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता, जन स्वास्थ्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग, क्षेत्र-द्वितीय, जोधपुर
Tel: 0291-2651730, Email: ace2.jod.phed@rajasthan.gov.in
क्रमांक-क्षेत्र-II/जोधपुर/निविदा/2025-26/4134-55 दिनांक:- 05/08/2025
प्रथम बिड संशोधन सूचना NIB संख्या 12/2025-26

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 3278-3302 दिनांक 14.07.2025 के जरिये जारी की गई निविदा संख्या 12/2025-26 के निविदा प्रपत्र त दिनांक में आंशिक संशोधन होने के कारण प्रथम बिड संशोधन जारी किया जा कर संशोधित निविदा प्रपत्र के साथ **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर अपलोड किया गया।
(UBIN No. PHE2526WLOB04602)
(Tender ID: 2025_PHCJO_487536_1)
DIPR/C/11297/2025

(जगदीश प्रसाद शर्मा)
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क्षेत्र द्वितीय जोधपुर

आमेर विकास एवं प्रबन्धन प्राधिकरण
पुरानी विधानसभा भवन, हवामहल के पास, जयपुर, टेलीफोन नम्बर - 0141-2600032
ई-मेल आई.डी. :- adma.jaipur@gmail.com
क्रमांक :- कार्य निदेशक/एडमा/लेखा/2025-26/998 दिनांक :- 08/08/2025

अल्पकालीन ई-बिड़ संख्या-11/2025-26

वित्त मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार SASCI योजना में स्वीकृत Development of ICONIC Amber, Nahargarh and Surrounding Area, Jaipur में विभिन्न सिविल एवं विद्युत कार्यों हेतु राज्य सरकारों/केन्द्र सरकार/निगमों/बोर्ड कार्यालयों में सक्षम/निर्धारित श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों से द्विभागीय खुली बिड ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से ऑनलाईन वेबसाईट **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर आमंत्रित की जाती है जिनका विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाईट **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है, जो देखी व पढ़ी जा सकती है।
(अल्पकालीन ई–बिड संख्या–11/2025–26 की कुल लागत राशि रूपये 831.95 लाख)
NIB Code ADA2526A0013
बिड यू.बी.एन. नम्बर :– **ADA2526WSOB00039 To ADA2526WSOB00044**
राज.संवाद/सी/25/8019 **कार्यकारी निदेशक (कार्य)**

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED
(ZCE BZ) JAIPUR ROAD, SANGALPURA , BIKANER-334001, PHONE: (151) 2226200
SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Short term Techno-commercial and Price e-Bids are invited for " for Construction of 6.0 Kms. Single circuit 33 KV line with ACSR Dog conductor T-off from 33 KV Rajpura feeder, Erection of 11.76 Kms. 11 KV Interconnection line with ACSR Rabbit Conductor for construction of 3.15 MVA 33/11 KV Sub-station at Nethwa under AEN (O&M) Taranagar Sub-division,Jodhpur Discom, Churu Circle against Budget Announcement 2025-26 on Labour rate basis(2025)"
TN-BZ-10/2025-26 (UBN No JVV2526WSOB00350)
Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening etc are available on our website at **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**. The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid only through on line on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.**
NOTE : Interested bidders please note that in future any other notices /information regarding amendment /corrigendum/addendum/dates extension of bid submission etc for above tender will only be available on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, sppp.rajasthan.gov.in energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl.**
Raj.Samwad/C/25/8005 **TA To Zonal Chief Engineer (BZ)**
बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

TEHRAN

'Iran detained 21,000 suspects during the June war with Israel'

REUTERS

Iran's police detained 21,000 suspects during the 12-day air war between Israel and Iran in June, state media reported on Tuesday. The police spokesperson did not elaborate on what charges the suspects might face. However, he said 260 were suspected of spying and another 172 were arrested because of illegal filming. AP

MADRID

Two killed in wildfires in south Europe as heatwave intensifies

AFP

Two men died and thousands of people were forced from their homes on Tuesday as wildfires fuelled by a heatwave scorched southern Europe. Heat alerts were issued in countries including Italy, France, Spain, Portugal as well as the Balkans, with temperatures expected to soar above 40°C. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Will not allow India to snatch 'even one drop' of Pak.'s water: Sharif

REUTERS

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said India would not be allowed to snatch "even one drop" of water belonging to Pakistan, amid tensions between the two neighbours. Following the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, India put the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960 in "abeyance". PTI

KHAR

Pakistan launches new security operation near Afghan border

AFP

Pakistani security forces have launched a "targeted operation" against militants in Bajaur in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, which borders Afghanistan, displacing tens of thousands of residents who have fled to safer areas, officials said on Tuesday. Bajaur is a former stronghold of the Pakistani Taliban. AP

Ukraine should decide its future, says EU ahead of Trump-Putin meet

Neither Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy nor any European leaders are scheduled to attend Friday's talks in Alaska; German Chancellor Friedrich Merz schedules a virtual summit with Trump, Zelenskyy and EU leaders for today

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

European countries have said that Ukraine should determine its own future, ahead of U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin's meeting on Friday to begin discussing a ceasefire to the Russia-Ukraine war which began when after Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Hungary did not sign the statement on Ukraine's future, which was endorsed by the 26 other EU countries.

"The people of Ukraine must have the freedom to decide their future. The path to peace in Ukraine cannot be decided without Ukraine. Meaningful negotiations can only take place in the context of a ceasefire or reduction of hostilities," a European Council statement said, as the bloc welcomed Mr. Trump's efforts.

Rosy picture: The EU has said that meaningful talks can only take place in the context of a ceasefire or reduction of hostilities. REUTERS

Neither Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy nor any European leaders are scheduled to attend Friday's talks in Alaska. Mr. Trump has said he would update European leaders and Mr. Zelenskyy after the discussions with Mr. Putin. European leaders have been concerned that Mr. Trump and Mr. Putin could arrive at a deal for Ukraine without involving them.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has convened a virtual summit with Mr. Trump, Mr. Zelenskyy and EU leaders on Wednesday.

The U.S. President has suggested that some "swapping" of territory might be required to achieve a ceasefire. Mr. Zelenskyy has rejected this idea. Russia already controls approximately a fifth of Ukraine's territory.

Hungary abstains

"Hungary does not associate itself with this Statement," the document said. Hungarian President Viktor Orban , whose government has relatively strong ties with Moscow, said the statement was setting out conditions for a meeting to which the EU was not invited. Mr. Orban also suggested that EU leaders initiate a Russia-EU meeting.

The Elders group of global leaders warns of Gaza 'genocide'

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

The Elders group of international stateswomen and statesmen, for the first time on Tuesday, called the situation in Gaza an "unfolding genocide", saying that Israel's obstruction of aid was causing a "famine".

"Today we express our shock and outrage at Israel's deliberate obstruction of the entry of life-saving humanitarian aid into Gaza," the non-governmental group of public figures, founded by former South Africa President Nelson Mandela in 2007, said in a statement after delegates visited border crossings in Egypt.

Delegates from the group, founded by Mandela in 2007, visits border crossings in Egypt

Helen Clark, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, called on Israel to open the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and Gaza so aid could be delivered, after visiting the site.

"Many new mothers are unable to feed themselves or their newborn babies adequately, and the health system is collapsing," she said.

"All of this threatens the very survival of an entire generation," she added.

Lapid calls for strike in support of Gaza hostages

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israeli opposition chief Yair Lapid on Tuesday backed calls for a general strike in solidarity with hostages still held in Gaza.

"Strike on Sunday," Mr. Lapid posted on X, saying even supporters of the current government should take part and insisting it was not party political. Sunday is the first day of the working week in Israel.

"Strike because no one has a monopoly on emotion, on mutual responsibility, on Jewish values." Mr. Lapid's post followed a call for strike on Sunday by around 20 parents of hostages still held by Hamas in Gaza.

Myanmar's Rakhine sees rise in hunger following U.S. aid cuts

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

One of Myanmar's most conflict-ravaged regions has witnessed a "dramatic rise in hunger" after U.S. aid cuts pushed by President Donald Trump during a punishing civil war, the World Food Programme said on Tuesday.

Western Rakhine State has seen some of the most intense fighting in Myanmar's many-sided civil conflict, which was sparked by a 2021 military takeover that deposed the democratic government.

The situation was exacerbated in April when the World Food Programme (WFP) was forced to cut aid to one million people nationwide, after a global downturn in aid funding led by its largest donor Washington.

In central Rakhine, 57% of families are now unable to meet their basic food needs, a WFP statement said – a rise of 24% since December. Fighting complicates access for aid and media organisations everywhere, but the WFP said it is believed "the situation in northern Rakhine is much worse due to active conflict and access issues".

Thailand warns Cambodia after mine explosion along border injures soldier

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Thailand's Army warned that it may have to "exercise the right of self-defence" in response to continuing incidents it blames on Cambodia, in which Thai soldiers patrolling along the two countries' border have been wounded by land mines.

A statement from Thai Army spokesperson Maj. Gen. Winthai Suvaree said a sergeant was patrolling the border with seven other soldiers on Tuesday morning when he "stepped on an anti-personnel landmine covertly planted by the Cambodian side, resulting in severe injuries to his left ankle."

Flash point: Thailand claims it troops were injured by land mines planted by Cambodian soldiers along the border. AP

The incident and the Thai reaction indicate the precariousness of the ceasefire that took effect on July 29 with the aim of ending five days of armed clashes over disputed territory along their border. The fighting killed dozens of people on both sides, including civilians, and displaced more than 2.6 lakh.

Tuesday's land mine incident was the fourth of its kind in about a month, and the second since the ceasefire. It took place about 1 km from Ta Muen Thom temple, which Thailand claims is located in its Surin province. The area, which was the scene of heavy fighting in July, is one of several along the border that both countries claim as their own.

In another disputed area on Saturday, a Thai sergeant major suffered severe injuries, including losing his left foot, while two privates suffered lesser injuries.

U.S. and China delay tariffs by 90 days just ahead of deadline

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

China and the United States delayed higher tariffs on each other's imports for 90 days, hours before a trade truce between the world's two largest economies was due to expire on Tuesday.

U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Monday that will "extend the Tariff Suspension on China for another 90 days," according to a post on his Truth Social platform. The White House said its halt on steeper tariffs will be in place until November 10.

China also said it would continue suspending its earlier tariff hike for 90 days, starting August 12, while retaining a 10% duty.

While the U.S. and China slapped escalating tariffs on each other's products this year, bringing them to prohibitive triple-digit levels and snarling trade, both countries in May agreed to temporarily lower them.

As part of their truce that month, fresh U.S. tariffs targeting China were reduced to 30% and the corresponding level from China was cut to 10%.

Sport

Indian surfers get two more quotas for 2026 Asian Games

Kavita Menon
CHENNAI

The Indian surfing team secured two additional quotas for the 2026 Asian Games, with a spot each for men and women, after its impressive campaign at the Asian Surfing Championships (ASC) 2025 in Mamallapuram recently.

India now has four quotas – two men, two women – for the upcoming Asian Games in Japan where surfing is set to make its debut. The country had already clinched two slots at the 2024 ASC held in the Maldives.

"Five years ago, India was absent from the Asian surfing rankings. Today, we are competing shoulder-to-shoulder with the best in the continent. Our journey continues with a clear goal: make a strong mark at the Asian Games in Japan," said Arun Vasu, president, Surfing Federation of India, at the closing ceremony.

The Indians, led by Budihal, had a memorable campaign at ASC 2025. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India's ASC 2025 campaign was headlined by Ramesh Budihal, who secured a bronze in the men's open, the first individual medal for the country at the continental stage. Three Indians made it to the quarterfinals for the first time, and two reached the semifinals – Budihal and Kishore Kumar.

India (1785) finished third in the men's open team rankings, behind Indonesia (1980) and South Korea (1800). The women's open podium had Japan (1860) on top, followed by Indonesia (1670) and Thailand (1608). The host finished eighth (1200).

The medal winners of all categories, including boys' under-18 and girls' under-18, were felicitated.

Getting used to the heat in India is the biggest takeaway, reckons Kiwi all-rounder Halliday

CRICKET

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
CHENNAI

For New Zealand all-rounder Brooke Halliday, getting accustomed to the heat in India is the biggest takeaway from the three-match ODI series in Ahmedabad last October and her ongoing two-week training stint at the CSK High Performance Centre (HPC) here.

Halliday is part of a group of 10 New Zealand women players training here as preparation for the upcoming women's ODI World Cup (Sept. 30 to Nov. 2) in India and Sri Lanka.

Prime focus: Halliday has been working on batting against leg-spin at the CSK High Performance Centre. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"It's really hot over here. The biggest adjustment coming from New Zealand is probably the heat and how you deal with that. If we're in New Zealand right now, it's probably around 10 degrees. So, just being here for two weeks, I'm sure the body is going to appreciate that kind of adjustment to the heat. And hopefully, it means that again when we come back in October, that period of adjusting won't be as long," she said at the CSK HPC ground.

"Then, the second part of it would just be the conditions. Just in the last seven days, I think we've kind of batted on four or five different kinds of pitches that do something slightly different.

"It means that we have to learn how to adjust and adapt really quickly. That's the biggest thing we learned in October last year and also in this trip. Hopefully, it means that when we come back in October, we'll be one step ahead already," she added.

Halliday adapted to the conditions sufficiently for her to become the top run-getter in the ODI series. The left-hander scored 133 runs at 44.33 across the three matches.

Talking about the differences in facing spin in New Zealand and India, she said: "You probably get a little bit more turn over here, and then the second part is the slowness. New Zealand is probably a little bit more skiddier."

The 29-year-old said she's been specifically focusing on batting against leg-spin in training.

HIGH POINT

‘Birmingham double century is something I will cherish forever’

ANI

It feels great to be named the ICC Player-of-the-Month for July. This time it holds a lot more significance since it has come for my performances during my first Test series as captain. The double century in Birmingham is something I will cherish forever and will be one of the highlights of my tour of England — Shubman Gill.

CLIMBING UP

Warner overtakes Kohli to become the fifth-highest run-scorer in T20s

GETTY IMAGES

David Warner (13,545 runs in 419 T20s) overtook Virat Kohli (13,543 runs in 414 matches) to become the fifth-highest run-getter in T20s. Warner achieved the feat during his 51-ball 71 for London Spirit against Manchester Originals in The Hundred. The top run-getter in T20s is Chris Gayle (14,562 runs in 463 games).

SOARING HIGHER

Duplantis sets a new pole vault world record of 6.29m

AP

Armand ‘Mondo’ Duplantis bettered his pole vault world record by a centimetre on Tuesday, clearing 6.29 metres at the athletics meet in Budapest. The 25-year-old Swede broke the world mark for the 13th time as he soared over the bar to improve on his 6.28m from Stockholm in June. He had cleared 6.27m in February.

BOUNCING BACK

Gukesh finishes opening day in joint third spot; Aronian leads

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D. Gukesh bounced back from a first-round loss to American Levon Aronian with wins over Grigoriy Oparin and Liem Le Quang to finish the opening day in joint third spot with Wesley So in the St. Louis rapid and blitz tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour. Aronian was in the lead with six points, one ahead of Fabiano Caruana.

Marathon: Karthikeyan and Robson’s drawn game which lasted 123 moves has been the longest of the tournament so far. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Keymer splits the point with Arjun

The German stays in the lead; Awonder gets the better of Pranav to move into the joint-second spot; Anish plays out yet another draw

CHESS

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

German Vincent Keymer continued his unbeaten streak as he settled for a draw with the top seed Arjun Erigaisi in the sixth round of the Masters section in the Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters chess tournament here on Tuesday.

The result meant the 21-year-old Keymer, who has three wins and an equal number of draws, remains on top of the standings with 4.5 points with a one-point lead over the rest of the field. Arjun has 3.5 points in his kitty.

The 42-move stalemate between the top two players means the race for the top prize could get interesting as the tournament enters the business end.

American Awonder Liang joined Arjun in the second spot, getting the better of the World junior champion V. Pranav in long-drawn encounter.

There was heartbreak for Nihal Sarin as he crashed to a defeat at the hands of Dutchman Jorden van Foreest a day after he had upset Arjun.

Anish Giri’s quest for a first win continued as he drew his sixth match on the trot, against good friend Vidit Gujrathi in 109 moves.

Karthikeyan Murali split the point with American Ray Robson in the longest game of the championship so far. The match which lasted nearly five hours and 123 moves saw the local player defend superbly to earn half a point.

In the Challengers section, GM Abhimanyu Puranik’s unbeaten run came to a halt with local lad M. Pranesh pulling off an upset in the sixth round.

The two share the top spot with 4.5 points along with Leon Luke Mendonca, who put it across Aryan Chopra.

The results (sixth round):
Masters: Karthikeyan Murali (2.5) drew with Ray Robson (USA, 2), Nihal Sarin (2) lost to Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 3), V. Pranav (2) lost to Awonder Liang (USA, 3.5), Vincent Keymer (Ger, 4.5) drew with Arjun Erigaisi (3.5), Anish Giri (Ned, 3) drew with Vidit Gujrathi (3)
Challengers: G. B. Harshavardhan (2) drew with Pa. Iniyan (3.5), B. Adhiban (3.5) bt Diptayan Ghosh (3.5), Leon Luke Mendonca (4.5) bt Aryan Chopra (1.5), Abhimanyu Puranik (4.5) lost to M. Pranesh (4.5), R. Vaishali (1) lost to D. Harika (1.5).
Seventh round pairings:
Masters: Vidit vs. Karthikeyan, Arjun vs. Anish, Liang vs. Keymer, van Foreest vs. Pranav, Robson vs. Nihal.
Challengers: Harika vs. Harshavardhan, Pranesh vs. Vaishali, Aryan vs. Abhimanyu, Diptayan vs. Mendonca, Iniyan vs. Adhiban.

Chinnaswamy Stadium may lose Women’s WC matches

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

When the Karnataka State Cricket Association failed to secure permission for the World Cup, the BCCI was forced to find an alternate venue

The Greenfield Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram is likely to host the Women’s World Cup matches originally allotted to Bengaluru

The M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru could lose hosting rights for the 2025 Women’s Cricket World Cup, which commences next month.

It is understood that the Bengaluru city police denied permission for the same. This comes after the Justice (Retd.) Michael D’Cunha Commission report stated that the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium was not fit to host big-ticket events.

The commission, set up by the Karnataka government, inquired into the June 4 stampede outside the stadium that caused 11 deaths during Royal Challengers Bengaluru’s IPL title-winning celebrations.

The stadium was scheduled to host four 2025 Women’s CWC matches. This included the tournament opener (on September 30) – featuring the Indian team – two league outings, and the second semifinal.

Only a few days ago, it was announced that all Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament matches would be shifted from M. Chinnaswamy Stadium to Mysuru.

This decision was reportedly taken after the police denied permission.

While India has hosted Women’s CWC in 1978, 1997 and 2013, the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium has featured in only one game (in 1997).

In the same edition, the Gangotri Glades Stadium in then Mysore hosted one league match between Pakistan and Denmark.

Sports Bureau adds from Thiruvananthapuram:

The Greenfield Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram is likely to host the Women’s WC matches originally allotted to Bengaluru.

When the Karnataka State Cricket Association failed to secure permission for the World Cup, the BCCI was forced to find an alternate venue.

The BCCI had informed the Kerala Cricket Association a week ago that Thiruvananthapuram was being considered. The KCA, it is understood, is willing to take up the offer.

The KCA sources said the Kerala Cricket League, scheduled to be held from August 21 to September 6, will be moved to an alternative venue in Thiruvananthapuram or Alappuzha if the World Cup matches are allotted to the State capital.

Backing the initiative: IOA president Usha and Sports Minister Mandaviya welcomed the bill. AP & SANSAD TV

Decoding the National Sports Governance Bill

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The National Sports Governance Bill (NSGB), passed by both houses of Parliament, is a landmark move to revamp and standardise sports administration in India. A day after the Lok Sabha’s approval, the bill was cleared in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday after an extensive discussion.

The salient features of NSGB:

Age and tenure cap: The bill fixes the tenure limit at three consecutive terms, adding up to 12 years, for the posts of President, Secretary-General and Treasurer in sports bodies.

The age cap has been kept at 70, extending up to 75 at the time of nomination if permitted by the international charter and statutes of the sport concerned.

The strength of the Executive Committee has been capped at 15 to ensure that the financial burden on the federation is not high. The EC would be mandated to have at least two sportspersons of outstanding merit and four women in its ranks. This provision is in line with the international push to ensure gender parity in sports governance and make the athletes prominent stakeholders in the decision-making process.

National Sports Board: The National Sports Board (NSB) will have overriding powers to grant or suspend recognition to National Sports Federations (NSFs), and even collaborate with the international federations for athletes’ welfare.

The NSB will comprise a chairperson while the members will be appointed by the central government from “amongst persons of ability, integrity and standing.” The appointments would be done based on the recommendations of a search-cum-selection committee, which would have the Cabinet Secretary or Secretary (Sports) as chairperson.

The other members of the panel will be the Director General of the Sports Authority of India, two sports administrators who have each served as the President, Secretary General or Treasurer of a National Sports Body and one eminent sportsperson who is a Dronacharya, Khel Ratna or Arjuna awardee.

National Sports Tribunal: According to the Sports Ministry, over 350 cases are still on in various courts of the country over issues ranging from selection to election, significantly hampering the progress of athletes and NSFs.

The National Sports Tribunal promises to end this as it would have “all the powers of a civil court.” It will comprise a chairperson and two other members. The head of the Tribunal would be a sitting or retired judge of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice of a High Court.

The central government will have the power to remove the members in case of violations, including financial irregularities and actions prejudicial to “public interest.” The orders of this Tribunal can only be challenged in the Supreme Court.

National Sports Election Panel: The panel will consist of retired members of the Election Commission of India, the State Election Commission, retired Chief Electoral Officers of the States or Deputy Election Commissioners with “adequate experience.”

The panel members will act as “electoral officers” to oversee the conduct of free and fair elections to the Executive Committees and the Athletes’ Committee of the sports bodies.

RTI: All recognised sports organisations, which are dependent on government funding and support, will be covered under the Right to Information Act, 2005 “with respect to the exercise of its functions, duties and powers.” This ensures that the BCCI, which is not relying on ministry funding, will come under the bill’s ambit. It will have to register itself as an NSF with the NSB as cricket is set to return as an Olympic sport in the LA 2028 Games.

Government’s discretionary powers: Any sports organisation wanting to use the word “India”, “Indian”, “National”, or any National insignia or symbols will have to obtain a No Objection Certificate from the government.

The central government, if it considers “necessary” and expedient in the public interest, will have also have the power to “relax” any of the provisions mentioned in the bill.

In addition, the government can also give such directions to the National Sports Board or any other person or entity for the “efficient administration” of the provisions of this bill.

Brevis puts on a show as Proteas level T20I series

Brevis... simply sensational. AP

SA IN AUS

Agence France-Presse
DARWIN

Dewald Brevis belted South Africa’s highest T20I individual score with a blistering 125 not out from 56 balls as the tourists stayed alive in the three-match series after a 53-run victory over Australia in the second game on Tuesday.

Australia’s decision to bowl backfired as South Africa powered to a massive 218 for seven on the back of Brevis’ maiden international century.

The 22-year-old rescued South Africa from a shaky 57 for three and dominated a 126-run partnership with Tristan Stubbs (31). Brevis surpassed Faf du Plessis’ 119 against the West Indies in 2015.

The scores: South Africa 218/7 in 20 overs (Brevis 125 n.o., Stubbs 31, Maxwell 2/44, Dwarshuis 2/24) bt Australia 165 in 17.4 overs (David 50, Maphaka 3/57, Bosch 3/20).
Toss: Australia. **PoM:** Brevis.

Tania terms commentator role as a ‘joy and privilege’

C. Shyam Sundar
CHENNAI

At ease: Tania juggles her duties as a player and one wielding the microphone rather seamlessly. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tania Sachdev is adept at pushing the pieces on the chess board as she is at talking about the game. She juggles her roles as a player and one wielding the microphone rather seamlessly.

The 38-year-old Tania, who is an Olympiad winner and a commentator, makes heads turn with her eloquence. She was all praise for Divya Deshmukh for capturing the FIDE Women’s World Cup title recently and said it was a delight to watch her in action.

“It was brilliant to watch her perform. I mean, the results were one thing, but also just the way she played in the whole tournament. The World Cup is such a long event. Every round is so incredibly difficult. It takes such a mental toll as well. Even at the Olympiad, she was one of the key players to get us the gold medal in Budapest,” Tania, an International Master (IM), told reporters on the sidelines of the Quantbox Chennai Grandmasters tournament here on Tuesday.

She also praised veteran Koneru Humpy for her runner-up finish at the World Cup.

With regard to the legendary Judit Polgar’s call for doing away with titles (like Woman International Master and Woman Grandmaster), Tania said she didn’t quite agree with the idea and added “because for many players, that is an aspiration which does encourage young girls to take up the sport.”

She also favoured young girls playing in as many open tournaments as possible and training with boys and competing against men. On her love for commentary, Tania said: “I love commentating. I don’t think I love playing as much as I used to. So it’s not a job for me. It’s a joy and privilege to be able to do what I do.”

Indian Navy and Bodoland FC complete quarterfinal line-up

DURAND CUP

Sports Bureau

Sreyas V.G. struck an injury-time winner as Indian Navy FT beat local side TRAU FC 2-1 in the final Group-F match and entered the quarterfinals of the 134th Durand Cup at the Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal on Tuesday.

The result also helped Indian Navy claim the top spot in the group with seven points.

Looking for its first points of the tournament, TRAU surged ahead in the 29th minute through Moirangthem Nelson Singh and preserved the lead till the 87th minute when Pintu Mahata equalised to bring Navy back into the game. Sreyas then found the winner in the third minute of added time to get his team ahead of Real Kashmir FC, which finished its campaign with six points.

Bodoland FC secured the remaining knock-out berth with a thumping 4-0 win over Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) FT in the concluding Group-D match at the SAI Stadium in Kokrajhar.

Bodoland FC tallied full nine points from three successive wins to top the group.

The last-eight match-ups
Aug. 16: Shillong Lajong vs Indian Navy (Shillong), 4 p.m.; Bodoland FC vs NorthEast United FC (Kokrajhar), 7 p.m.
Aug. 17: Jamshedpur FC vs Diamond Harbour FC (Jamshedpur), 4 p.m.; East Bengal vs Mohun Bagan Super Giant (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata), 7 p.m.

Other qualifiers

The two qualifiers were joined by the other four group winners – East Bengal, Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Jamshedpur FC, NorthEast United FC - and the two best second-placed teams – Shillong Lajong FC (six points, +7 goal difference) and Diamond Harbour FC (six, +4) – in the last-eight stage.

The results:
Group-F (Imphal): Indian Navy FT 2 (Pintu Mahata 87, Sreyas V.G. 90+3) bt TRAU FC 1 (Nelson Singh 29).
Group-D (Kokrajhar): Bodoland FC 4 (Timothy Narzary 25, Pedro Lopez 37-pen, Gwgwmsar Gayary 40, Abdul Samed Ango 82) bt ITBP FT 0.

Taha's century sets up Tigers' win

The opener slams the first hundred of the season; Aniruddha's unbeaten 79 goes in vain; Warriors down Blasters in Monday's second match

MAHARAJA TROPHY

C.K. Muralidharan
MYSURU

Opener Mohammad Taha's brilliant century (101, 53b, 10x4, 6x6), the first in this edition of the Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 tournament, helped Hubli Tigers register a 29-run win over Shivamogga Lions on Tuesday.

Taha took a heavy toll of Lions bowlers and impressed with his lofted shots over covers. Put in to bat, Taha and skipper Devdutt Padikkal (52, 32b, 8x4, 1x6) stitched together a 100-run partnership for the second wicket.

Later, Taha and K.L. Shrijith scored 90 runs in 40 balls, which propelled Tigers to 216 for four.

Quick knock

In reply, Lions were restricted to 187 for six in 20 overs as Aniruddha Joshi's unbeaten 79 (42b, 3x4, 9x6) was not enough to surpass Tigers' mammoth total.

The scores: Hubli Tigers 216/4 in 20 overs (Mohammad Taha 101, Devdutt Padikkal 52, V. Kaverappa 2/39) bt Shivamogga Lions 187/6 in 20 overs (Dhruv Prabhakar 30, Aneeshwar Gautam 32, Aniruddha Joshi 79 n.o., Nishchith Pai 2/42, K.C. Cariappa 2/28).

Toss: Lions; **POM:** Taha.

On Monday: Mysore Warriors 180/5 in 20 overs (Harshil Dharmani 38, Manish Pandey 58 n.o., Sumit Kumar 44 n.o., Shubhang Hegde 3/23) bt Bengaluru Blasters 141 in 19.2 overs (Mayank Agarwal 66, L.R. Kumar 3/27, C.A. Karthik 3/21, K. Gowtham 2/28).

Toss: Warriors; **PoM:** Pandey.

Reigning supreme: Taha impressed with his lofted shots over covers. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Injuries are a part of the game; injury substitutes are unnecessary

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Had England won the final Test at the Oval, it is possible that without facing a single delivery, their No.11 might have emerged as hero. Chris Woakes walking out gingerly, his left arm in a sling hidden under his sweater was already one of the heroic sights of the series; at Old Trafford Rishabh Pant had dragged his fractured foot to the crease.

Pant swung Pant-like, and played the shot of the series when he appeared to push Ben Stokes delicately to cover only for the ball to race to the boundary like a tracer bullet, as Ravi Shastri would say.

Players injured during the course of a match returning to the action are the stuff of folklore. Colin Cowdrey, arriving at the crease with his arm in a sling, Anil Kumble bowling to and dismissing Brian Lara with his jaw wired up are justly in that pantheon.

Substitute fielders were always allowed in the laws of the game, and till recently substitute runners too for injured batters. Then, following the death of Phil Hughes on the cricket field, a concussion substitute was allowed to bat or bowl. The runner for batters, however, was not allowed. Following the heroics of Pant and Woakes, there has been a cry for substitutes who could replace players injured.

Contrasting views

Former England captain Michael Vaughan has called cricket a 'dinosaur' game for not allowing injury substitutes, claiming this "devalues the product". He went on to say – and this may be the nub – "It cost England the series because England got to within six runs of beating India with ten players."

On the other hand, current captain Ben Stokes argues that the injury substitute is unnecessary.

If someone gets injured, its tough luck. Deal with it, he says, adding that there may be room for manipulation if an injury substitute is allowed.

Few international cricketers go through a career without injuries. These are part of the game, like sixes and dogs running onto the field. Wicketkeepers finish with crooked fingers, fast bowlers' backs rebel within a few years, and often in only their 40s, players develop dodgy knees, and carry other evidence of their harsh sporting life.

The law on substitutes (Law 2) is one of the trickier ones. It has been manipulated in the past. In his autobiography, Imran Khan has written about a match in Pakistan in the 1980s, where one of the teams, realising the nature of the wicket substituted players after lunch and a whole session of play had been gone through!

Nearly a century before that, when the Lancashire captain Archie Maclaren allowed Sussex to substitute a fast bowler who fell ill after three overs, he was berated by *Wisden* for setting up a "very dangerous precedent." Cricket is a tough game.

The intriguing case of a substitute who took a wicket occurred in 1982. After fast bowler Gladstone Small had already bowled 15 over for Warwickshire against Lancashire, he was called up for England duty as standby.

Manager David Brown (who was 40 and had played 26 Tests for England) was given special permission to take Small's place in the eleven.

Brown dismissed wicketkeeper Christopher Scott. The story doesn't end there. Small was not needed by England, then returned to bat, and bowled eleven overs in the second innings.

This may not have been the manipulation Stokes had in mind when he said he was against the idea of an injury substitute (or, as in this case, a 'national call' substitute).

But he has a point. Would England have won the Lord's Test if Vaughan's Law had existed, and Shoaib Bashir (who got the last wicket bowling with a fractured finger) had made way for an injury substitute?

Cricket is a game of pressure, and injuries add to the degree of difficulty. It is not just the romance of the fallen hero rising to a challenge – although as Pant and Woakes showed, there is that too.

Right and wrong

There is too the danger of batters and fielders becoming that bit more reckless in their approach knowing if they are injured, a substitute will do their job.

The modern player (Stokes) I think is right, while the ex-player (Vaughan), who sees cricket as a "product" has got it wrong.

Subroto Cup football kicks off on Aug. 19

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The 64th Subroto Cup International football tournament will kick off with the junior girls' (under-17) competition on August 19 at the Ambedkar Stadium here, culminating with the final of the junior boys' event on September 25.

The annual tournament will be organised in a staggered manner and, for the first time, will see the competition spread across two cities with Bengaluru hosting the sub-junior boys' (under-15) event.

The tournament will also have the bone age-determination test for the sub-junior boys' category.

While the matches in Delhi-NCR will be held across four venues – Ambedkar Stadium, Tejas football ground, Subroto Park football ground and Pinto Park football ground – the matches in Bengaluru will be played at Air Force School (Jalahalli), Air Force School (Yelahanka) and HQ Training Command football ground from September 2 to 11.

SNAPSHOTS

Chinmaya Vidyalaya has it easy

BENGALURU: Chinmaya Vidyalaya defeated Baldwin BHS 6-2 in the Centenary Shield (under-17) section of the St. Joseph's BHS inter-school hockey tournament on Tuesday.

The results: Centenary Shield (under-17): St. Joseph's BHS 1 (Joel Paul 27) drew with Vidyashilp Academy 1 (Nived Nair 2); Chinmaya Vidyalaya 6 (Hemanth 7, Mahendra 11, 39, M.D. Ghouse 13, 17, Sachiroop 26) bt Baldwin BHS 2 (Eben George 12, 22).

Fr. Eric Vaz Memorial (U-14): St. Joseph's BHS 2 (Izaan Shakeer Ali 3, Dant Chittiappa 6) bt Vidyashilp Academy 1 (Sharan Desai 13); Chinmaya Vidyalaya 6 (M. Vinay 2, 22, R.B. Rakshith 6, 18, 28, S.A. Aarya 27) bt Head Start Academy 0.

Thumping win for KFSBS

KFSBS whipped Kolar District HA 6-0 in the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here.

The results: Karnataka Forest Sports Board Society (KFSBS) 6 (Syed Basha 9, D.S. Darshan 12, 27, 37, 49, Mithun Bijawad 22) bt Kolar District HA 0; Coorg Direwolves HC 3 (Shubham Chittiappa 16, Chinnappa 32, Rohan Kuttappa 40) bt Naveen HC 1 (Nani 44).

Hyderabad races for October 2 postponed to October 5

HYDERABAD: The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club have resolved to postpone the races to be held on October 2 to October 5 due to administrative reasons.

LIVE TELECAST

Tennis: Cincinnati Open, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 8.30 p.m.

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